

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$135,000 from the General Fund Library Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover contract costs associated for the two HVAC maintenance and repair contracts; Associated Mechanical and Control Technologies.

CHARTER RIGHT

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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Simmons as Amended.]
2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City departments to create additional Safety Zones for safer streets. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Simmons as Amended.]
3. 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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Simmons.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the Final Landmark Designation Report for the Hovey & Markham Cottages as follows: Property located at 40 Cottage Street. See renumbered Agenda item #2 and #8 on 2/12/2018, formerly Agenda item #1A and #1B on 2/12/2018.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Paul Nugent, regarding Bike Lanes.
2. A communication was received from Nancy Ryan for Cambridge Residents Alliance, regarding Two Policy Orders on Housing to be considered on Mon 2/26/2018.
3. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding Law of the Land.
4. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding participation on Council meetings.
5. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Environmental Concerns.
6. A communication was received from Carolyn Moore, regarding Car crash due to bike Lanes.
7. A communication was received from Abra Berkowitz, 253 1/2 Broadway, regarding Home Rule Petition for Right of First Refusal.
8. A communication was received from Steven Nutter, Executive Director Green Garage, regarding Support of Alewife Working Group.
9. A communication was received from Richard Fries, Executive Director, MassBike, regarding Alewife Bridge.
10. A communication was received from Megan Brook, regarding Inman Square Agenda.
11. A communication was received from Ann Robert, 55 Alpine Street, regarding Policy Orders #17, #18 and #7.

12. A communication was received from Cambridge Bicycle Safety Core Team, regarding Policy Order Alewife Bridge/Rail Stop.
13. A communication was received from Rob Clark, 33 Wheeler Street, regarding Alewife Pedestrian Bridge.
14. A communication was received from Sheli Wortis, 106 Berkshire Street, regarding support of Policy Order #17 and #18 of 2/26/2018 meeting.
15. A communication was received from Nate Fillmore, 13 Marcella St #3 Street, regarding Seniors to the re-convened Cambridge Stakeholder Group.
16. A communication was received from Barbara C. Bogar, 29 Irving Street, regarding Policy Order for Working Group.
17. A communication was received from Sarah Deihl, 25 Wheeler Street, regarding Policy Order #7.
18. A communication was received from Sylvia Barnes, Harvey Street, regarding Support of Policy Order #7.
19. A communication was received from Ann Fleck-Henderson, Richdale Avenue, regarding Support for Policy Order #17 and #18.
20. A communication was received from Ruthann Rudel, regarding Alewife area Pedestrian Bridge.
21. A communication was received from Barbara Anthony, regarding Policy Order passed on 2/12 Working Group.
22. A communication was received from Persis McClennen, 16 Bond Street, regarding Bike Lanes.
23. A communication was received from Beverly Mire, 12 Hilliard Street, regarding Bike Lanes.
24. A communication was received from Leslie Jeng, 43 Appleton Street, regarding Bike Lanes.
25. A communication was received from Kathy Holmes, 141 Oxford Street, regarding Bike Lane Working Group.
26. A communication was received from Robert McCarthy, 1697 Cambridge Street, regarding Bike Lane Working Group.
27. A communication was received from Maria Lindberg, 97 Trowbridge Street, regarding Bike Lanes.
28. A communication was received from Carol Shea, 393 Broadway, regarding Working Group and Bike Lanes.
29. A communication was received from Mathew Budd, regarding Traffic Patterns.
30. A communication was received from Susan Rioff, 45 Lexington Avenue, regarding Bike Lane.
31. A communication was received from Lynn Cetrulo, regarding Bike Lanes.
32. A communication was received from Annette Benedetto, regarding Bike Working Group.
33. A communication was received from Margaret Beucler, 37 Cottage Street, regarding Landmark Designation of 40 Cottage Street.
34. A communication was received from Agenss Currie, 39 Cottage Street, regarding Landmark Designation of 40 Cottage Street.
35. A communication was received from Peter Dublin, 24 Chilton Street, regarding Entertainment Fee.
36. A communication was received from Mary K. Eliot, 18A Maple Avenue, regarding Bike Lanes.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the closing of Ryles Jazz Club. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Lynn Hinerman. Vice Mayor Devereux
3. Retirement of John Ciampa from the Board of Directors of the Community Action Agency of Somerville. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Roland Eugene Lachance. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of William “Bill” Noble. Councillor Mallon, Councillor Simmons
6. Speedy Recovery wishes to Jimmy Smith. Councillor Simmons
7. Congratulations and thanks to Exceptional Lives for their work in providing information to parents and caregivers of children and adults with developmental disabilities. Councillor Kelley
8. Congratulations and best wishes to the Garment District on their celebration of thirty-two years of being in business. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department, the License Commission, and any other City departments about the possibility of re-evaluating the fees associated with community block parties, specifically entertainment fees for unpaid, local musicians. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Siddiqui
2. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Community Development Department to apply on behalf of the City of Cambridge for the Housing Choice Designation before the Apr 30, 2018 deadline. Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Mallon
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor, Attorney General and District Attorney to investigate the possibility of Cambridge joining this national suit against opioid manufacturers and distributors. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Mallon
4. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City staff and the MBTA to discuss the maintenance issues of the Harvard Square MBTA station public restroom. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Kelley
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development, the Director of Communications and Community Relations, or any other relevant City department with the view in mind of producing a document that can be presented at the City Council Housing Committee to provide a better perspective on the City’s current efforts to address the housing issues facing Cambridge. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Siddiqui
6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an Inman Square Reconstruction Project Timeline. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Kelley

7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the City’s plans for incorporating dock-less bikes into its urban mobility opportunities, to include licensing, contractual and liability issues; and that said report be transmitted to the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee for a public hearing on the issue of a dock-less bikeshare system. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Siddiqui
8. That the City Council, City Manager, and City Staff are requested to work as quickly as possible to enact the necessary laws and regulations, including zoning and licensing of retail cannabis establishments, in order to implement the state law in a manner that addresses the racial and economic injustices of the past. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from City Clerk, Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a communication from Councillor Carlone, submitting draft language on “AN ACT TO PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE THROUGH A TENANT’S RIGHT TO PURCHASE”.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 20

5:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive a general overview on the state of affordable housing throughout Cambridge, and to receive updates from the Community Development Department, the Cambridge Housing Authority, Homeowners Rehab, Inc., and Just a Start on the work they are currently engaged in. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Mar 22

4:00pm The Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning; Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to gain a better understanding of the extent of the City’s digital divide and to explore possible ways to increase digital access, including the Cambridge Broadband Task Force recommendations and Tilson Report (options 1, 2, and 3) and any other suggestions made in Policy Order #7 of Feb 12, 2018 or any other related matters. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 27

2:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will hold a public hearing to discuss whether the City’s Boards and Commissions adequately reflect the demographic makeup of the community, the proposed Office of Faith Based Initiatives, and the City’s ongoing cultural competency trainings. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 28

12:00pm The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the implementation of several aspects of the Retail

Strategic Plan, including pop-up activation of empty storefronts and an update on the potential for an empty storefront ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 9

5:30pm City Council will hold a Roundtable/Working Meeting for the purpose of discussing the draft version of the Climate Change Preparedness and Resilience Plan for Alewife. (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)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 15

5:00pm Housing Committee (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 Mar 5, 2018

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department permits block parties, which are events hosted by a group of neighbors, a non-profit, or an association that require the closing of a portion of a City street for part of a day; and

WHEREAS: As part of the application process, a resident must secure signatures from 75% of households on the street, submit an application 30 days in advance, and pay a \$25 fee; and

WHEREAS: The permit fee covers processing of the application, and the Department's delivery of plastic orange barrels for use the day of the event, providing that residents still allow access to emergency vehicles, vehicles of persons with disabilities, and residents needing to get to and from their homes; and

WHEREAS: The informational page on the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department's website states that, "providing amplified or acoustical music...at a block party is subject to approval by Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and may require approval by and/or permits from other city agencies"; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that obtaining an entertainment permit, often resulting in an additional \$50 fee, can be burdensome to communities, who finance these events independently; and

WHEREAS: Often, musicians performing at such events are local and unpaid, making the possibility of an additional \$50 fee appear out of step with the spirit of the event; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge should be encouraging community-building events, such as neighborhood-organized block parties with local entertainment, but the associated fees may be too burdensome in certain situations; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the License Commission, and any other City departments regarding the possibility of re-evaluating the fees associated with community block parties, specifically entertainment fees for unpaid, local musicians; and be it further

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

O-2 Mar 5, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The Baker administration recently announced the "Housing Choice Initiative" which allows communities to apply to the state of Massachusetts to be designated as a "Housing Choice Community," a recognition for communities that have achieved production targets and set policies that encourage future sustainable growth; and

WHEREAS: A community must show an increase in housing stock by at least 5% growth or 500 units over the last 5 years, and Cambridge, having met this requirement, would qualify for such a designation; and

WHEREAS: Communities that qualify are eligible for a variety of critical resources, including access to capital grants; preferential treatment when applying to grant programs including MassWorks, Complete Streets, and MassDOT capital projects; and priority consideration for certain grant awards between May 2018 and April 2019; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Community Development Department to apply on behalf of the City of Cambridge for the Housing Choice Designation before the Apr 30, 2018 deadline; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on consideration and/or completion of the application.

O-3 Mar 5, 2018

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: Opioid manufacturers' promotion of prescription opioids and propagation of inadequate information on the risks of opioids, to the medical community and the public, have caused or contributed to the ongoing public health crisis; and

WHEREAS: Opioid distributors' failure to monitor and report diversion of opioid prescriptions have contributed to the immense increase in opioid addiction and overdose, causing or contributing to the ongoing public health crisis; and

WHEREAS: In response to the opioid epidemic, more than 100 municipalities, counties, and states have joined in a collection of lawsuits against pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors

(<https://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/story/news/local/2018/02/06/mansfield-joinsnational-lawsuit-against-opioid-manufacturers/312287002/>); and

WHEREAS: Governments are seeking reimbursement for past and future costs of emergency services, law enforcement, first responders, drug treatment, lost productivity of government workers, and worker compensation benefits; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor, Attorney General and District Attorney to investigate the possibility of Cambridge joining this national suit against opioid manufacturers and distributors, and report back to the City Council on this issue.

O-4 Mar 5, 2018

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the public restroom inside the Harvard Square MBTA station is often closed and locked well before the station closes for the evening, and is filthy, non-functional, and in need of serious maintenance and regular cleaning to make it usable for all members of the public; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City staff and the MBTA to

discuss the maintenance issues of the Harvard Square MBTA station public restroom and report back to the City Council on what actions will be taken to improve its condition.

O-5 Mar 5, 2018

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Finding comprehensive innovative solutions to achieve the City's housing goals is a shared priority of the City Council; and

WHEREAS: In order to be better versed in current programs offered by the City, Housing Authority, non-profit providers and for-profit developers, it would be beneficial to policy makers and the public to have an understanding of the overall funding sources and cost to the tax payer or private investors of these current programs; and

WHEREAS: Graphics or flow charts would be helpful to visualize how both tax dollars and funding from private development flows through our existing programs, how Cambridge compares to neighboring cities and towns, and what the cost is to Cambridge tax payers; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development, the Director of Communications and Community Relations, or any other relevant City department with the view in mind of producing a document that can be presented at the City Council Housing Committee to provide a better perspective on the City's current efforts to address the housing issues facing Cambridge and to report back to the City Council.

O-6 Mar 5, 2018

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The City Council will be requested to appropriate approximately \$6 million in funding for the proposed Inman Square redesign project, \$4 million from the parking fund and \$2 million from bond issues; and

WHEREAS: [Article 97 of the EEA Land Disposition Policy](#) requires that municipalities seeking to dispose of any Article 97 land must obtain a unanimous vote from the Conservation Commission and obtain a two-thirds vote approval from the City Council in support of the disposition prior to seeking a home rule petition approval from the state legislature; and

WHEREAS: The City Council would like to make a decision on appropriating the funds only after the Article 97 process has been fully completed by the state legislature; and

WHEREAS: [Chapter 4.25 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance](#) states "all uses in an Open Space District other than a park or recreation use...shall comply with the procedural requirements of this Subsection prior to the issuance of any building or special permit, variance, or other approval or before conveyance of any lot within the district"; and

WHEREAS: Chapter 4.25.1 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance further states "A report shall be submitted to the Planning Board and filed with the City Clerk...this report shall include...(4) Evaluation of the anticipated impacts of

the development or property transfer on the remainder of the open space district, upon the ability of alternative park and recreation areas in the neighborhood and city to meet the needs served by the affected open space district”, and the evaluation of these impacts will be needed by the City Council to inform and substantiate a decision on Article 97 disposition; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to issue an official finding as to whether or not chapter 4.25 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance applies to the Inman Square redesign project and therefore whether or not a report should be made by the Planning Board; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to present a timeline outlining next steps including:

- City Council Article 97 disposition vote
- Conservation Commission hearing and vote
- Mid-Cambridge Conservation District Commission review
- Planning Board hearing, should the City Solicitor determine that it should happen
- Council appropriation of funds for the project
- Any other decision points which may arise before the start of the construction work; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter as soon as possible but no later than Apr 2, 2018.

O-7 Mar 5, 2018

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Sixteen communities in the Boston metropolitan area have expressed interest in a regional bike share program, facilitated by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and set to launch in Spring 2018; and

WHEREAS: There are many issues with a dock-less bike system, as expressed by similar programs throughout the world, such as vandalism, damage, theft, destruction of public property, and improper abandonment, among others; and

WHEREAS: The MAPC has confirmed it is moving forward with the program, set to launch in Newton, with an expected 200 bicycles on the streets by Summer 2018

(<https://www.mapc.org/news/mapc-announces-16-community-effort-to-bring-bikeshare-system-to-bostons-inner-suburbs-in-2018/>); and

WHEREAS: In the past, the City has turned down the opportunity to participate in this project with the MAPC and neighboring communities, citing the problematic issues and its contractual agreement with the current docked bikeshare system, Hubway; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the City’s plans for incorporating dock-less bikes into its urban mobility opportunities, to include licensing, contractual and liability issues; and that said report be transmitted to the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee for a public hearing on the issue of a dock-less bikeshare system.

O-8 Mar 5, 2018

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: In the coming months the City Council will prepare for the July 1 legalization of cannabis in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: The term “marijuana” first entered the record in the early 20th century and prior to that, the plant had been referred to almost exclusively as “cannabis” in Western culture; and

WHEREAS: The scientific name “cannabis” was intentionally replaced with “marijuana” by then Federal Bureau of Narcotics Commissioner [Harry Anslinger](#) in the 1930s in order to capitalize on a completely unrelated rise in anti-immigrant sentiment largely caused by the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS: [The Marijuana Tax Act of 1937](#), which effectively made possession or transfer of cannabis illegal in the US, was not based on scientific evidence but rather was written and passed largely based on racial arguments made by Mr. Anslinger; and

WHEREAS: An [ACLU study](#) found that there were over 8 million cannabis arrests in the US from 2001-2010, 88% of which were for simple possession; and that on average a black person was 3.73 times more likely to be arrested for possession even though blacks and whites used the drug at similar rates; and

WHEREAS: Using the word “marijuana” in official language and documents would inadvertently perpetuate this racist origin of the word; and

WHEREAS: Delaying implementation of cannabis regulation in Cambridge would perpetuate the racial and economic injustice inherent in the current situation which still largely criminalizes the sale of recreational cannabis; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council, City Manager, and City Staff be and hereby are requested to use the term “cannabis” in any legislation and/or in official documents which refer to the substance; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council, City Manager, and City Staff be and hereby are requested to work as quickly as possible to enact the necessary laws and regulations, including zoning and licensing of retail cannabis establishments, in order to implement the state law in a manner that addresses the racial and economic injustices of the past, such as by ensuring equitable enforcement and reasonable availability of cannabis throughout the city.