

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the bi-annual City of Cambridge Resident Telephone Survey for 2018.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a supplemental appropriation of \$2,600,000 from Free Cash to the Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account to fund snowstorm related expenses associated with snow plowing and snow removal contracts, salt, other materials, repair costs.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$400,000 from Free Cash to the Public Works Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account to fund snowstorm related road repairs.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-86, regarding a report on replacing failed 4000K LED streetlights.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-142, regarding a report on efforts to educate cyclists about riding safety and sharing the road especially at intersections.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to proposed amendments to the following ordinance: and proposed amendments to Chapter 14.04 of the Cambridge Municipal Code (the "Fair Housing Ordinance"). Fair Housing (passed to a 2nd reading)
AWAITING HOME RULE LEGISLATION-BEFORE PROPOSAL CAN BE ORDAINED
2. 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**
3. An application was received from Citizens Bank, requesting permission for a 1 illuminated projecting sign and 7 awnings at the premises numbered 822 Somerville Avenue, approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and no abutter response.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Cambridge Public Health Department requesting permission for a temporary banner across the public way located Massachusetts Avenue in Front of City Hall announcing "Congratulations to the Cambridge Public Health Department on Achieving National Accreditation" from Mar 25-Apr 1, 2019.
2. An application was received from Patrick Conte, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 50 Rogers 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding.
2. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding tree protections.
3. A communication was received from Kathy Roberts, 321 Huron Avenue, regarding tree massacre at Fresh Pond.
4. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding latest Riverfront Vote.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Superintendent Stephen Ahern and Superintendent Jack Albert of the Cambridge Police Department for being selected into the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative's inaugural Meta-Leadership Project Hall of Fame. Mayor McGovern
2. Speedy Recovery wishes to Jeff Walker. Councillor Simmons
3. Resolution on the death of Asa Brebner. Vice Mayor Devereux
4. Congratulations to Valery Lyman on her Breaking Ground exhibit. Vice Mayor Devereux
5. Resolution on the death of Colita P. Harris. Councillor Simmons
6. Happy Birthday wishes to Moses Moore. Councillor Simmons
7. Resolution on the death of James Edward Washington. Councillor Simmons
8. Resolution on the death of Gregory M. Aufiero. Councillor Toomey
9. Congratulations to author Jen Deaderick on the Publication of "She the People." Councillor Siddiqui
10. Congratulations to Cambridge Brewing Company on celebrating their 30th anniversary. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Department of Public Works to review design or signage changes to improve safety at the intersection of Third Street and Spring Street. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toomey
2. Reappointment of James Monagle as City Auditor. Mayor McGovern, Vice Mayor Devereux
3. That the City Council go on record urging MassDOT to revisit and review plans for the forthcoming Union Square Station in Somerville with a view toward making the station more accessible to those with mobility impairments. Councillor Simmons

4. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works to report on the number of fines for failure to clear sidewalks issued from the winter of 2014-15 through the winter of 2018-19. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Kelley
5. Thanks to Mayor McGovern and all members of the Harm Reduction Commission and the Cambridge Opioid Working Group for their leadership and service and that a Human Services and Veterans Committee hold a future hearing to receive an update on the recommendations in these reports and on efforts in Cambridge to address substance use disorder and the opioid crisis. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Mallon
6. City Council support in urging the members of the Massachusetts Delegation to Washington to vote in favor of The Paycheck Fairness Act. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Mallon
7. That the Dedication Committee consider a request from Councillor Toomey for a street corner dedication in honor of Daniel Crowley Jr. and Verina Crowley in the vicinity of Rindge Avenue and Clay Street. Councillor Toomey
8. City Council endorsement of the American Housing and Economic Mobility Act. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Mallon
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant staff about updating the bike data count chart, along with other data tables and charts, in the Cambridge Bicycle Plan to reflect 2016 and 2018 data. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan
10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant staff to report to the City Council on how the data collected from the Broadway Eco-Display is used to inform the City's transportation planning efforts and to address the possibility of installing additional Eco-Display counters at the highest trafficked bicycle locations to provide more comprehensive information about bike use and other vehicles such as scooters. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan
11. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Kelley for a street corner dedication in honor of Angel Fetene at the corner of Sacramento Street and Oxford Street, or a similar location near the Baldwin School. Councillor Kelley
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with City Staff and report back to the City Council on the status of any micro-mobility pilot programs or partnerships in Cambridge. Councillor Kelley
13. City Council support for fully funding the Section 8 Housing Choice Tenant-Based Voucher Program. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone
14. That the City Manager direct the appropriate City staff to examine the need and possibility of neighborhood preference in Cambridge in the short and long-terms. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan
15. That the City Council go on record in enthusiastic support of the Medicare for All Act of 2019 (H.R.1384). Councillor Zondervan, Mayor McGovern, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sumbul Siddiqui, Chair of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee, for a public hearing held on Feb 13, 2019 to receive an update on the progress to date on the retail strategy plan and vacant storefront initiative.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Jan Devereux, Chair of the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee, for a public hearing held on Feb 26, 2019 to discuss the MBTA's Better Bus Project report as it relates to proposed changes to bus lines and service throughout Cambridge.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Jan Devereux, Chair of the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee, for a public hearing held on Mar 6, 2019 to discuss how Transit Benefit Ordinances are being used in other cities to further sustainable transportation goals, and whether Cambridge could benefit from implementing a Transit Benefit Ordinance.
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Craig A. Kelley, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Feb 27, 2019 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Title Twelve entitled "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places" by adding a new Chapter 12.22 entitled "Cycling Safety Ordinance".
5. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public hearing held on Feb 27, 2019 to review unsolved and/or ongoing homicide and other investigations in Cambridge, to include "cold" case work and limitations, legal or tactical, on sharing relevant information with the general public.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez transmitting a memorandum from Councillor

Siddiqui, transmitting the submission of the Mayor's Blue-Ribbon Task Force on Tenant Displacement Feb 24, 2018 meeting minutes.

2. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a communication from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting a memorandum regarding "Affordable Housing Overlay Initial Thoughts".

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 20

4:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the implications of identity theft and cybercrime on local residents and businesses to include Cambridge Police Departmental responses to these events and possible proactive measures to help people protect against such crimes. (Ackermann Room)

5:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussions on the Affordable Housing Overlay District. THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 26

10:00am The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed change to City Council Rule 39 entitled "Rules of Travel" to be amended to be entitled "Rules of Travel and Other Council related expenditures". (Sophie Room)

1:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss Cambridge's Memorial Tree Program and ways to revitalize the program in order to increase participation citywide. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 27

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a zoning petition filed by Melissa and Christopher Grippo et al to amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding at the end of section 5.30.11 a sentence that reads; notwithstanding the foregoing, in Industry B District, a hotel use (Section 4.31.2) shall be governed by the second number (4.0) for purposes of determining the maximum ratio of floor area to lot area. THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Mar 28

5:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussions on the Affordable Housing Overlay District. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 2

2:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussion on a petition filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge in section 4.22 to allow for a special permit for the alteration of a single, two-family or accessory structure in existence as of January 2019 to provide one accessory apartment, if appropriate conditions are met. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 3

1:00pm The Transportation & Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss Applications and Petition #4 of Mar 4 submitted by the Cambridge Taxi Drivers Owners Association on whether additional regulation on Transit Network Companies (TNC) could be implemented in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the zoning petition filed by Stephen R. Karp, Trustee of Cambridge Side Galleria Trust to add a new Section 13.100 to Article 13 and amend the zoning map to add a new PUD-8 District Overlay. THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 9

1:30pm The Government Operation and Rules Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the logistics and feasibility of implementing early voting in City Elections and to discuss the possibility of pursuing a Home Rule petition to lower the voting age to City elections to 16 years old. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 22

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

Mon, Apr 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 1

9:00am Finance Committee hearing to discuss proposed FY20 City Budget. THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 7

9:00am Finance Committee hearing to discuss proposed FY20 City Budget. THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 8

6:00pm Finance Committee hearing to discuss FY20 School Department Budget. THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 9

9:00am Finance Committee hearing to discuss proposed FY20 City Budget (if necessary). THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 20

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

Mon, June 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, July 29

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 18, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Residents and employees in the vicinity of Third Street and Spring Street have repeatedly voiced their concerns for the safety of that intersection, noting the seeming frequency of vehicular crashes here; and

WHEREAS: From January 2016 to December 2018, there were at least 25 reported crashes at the intersection, averaging during that time period one crash every 44 days; and

WHEREAS: The majority of these crashes were recorded as angle collisions types, and 60 percent occurred on a weekday during evening rush hours between 4:00pm and 8:00pm; and

WHEREAS: Many pedestrians walk in the area to conduct business at the courthouse or access the Cambridgeside Galleria Mall; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Department of Public Works to review design or signage changes to improve safety at the intersection of Third Street and Spring Street; 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-2 Mar 18, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

ORDERED: That the City Council reappoint James Monagle as City Auditor for a term beginning June 1, 2019 and expiring on May 31, 2022.

O-3 Mar 18, 2019

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Work continues on the long-awaited Green Line Extension station in Union Square in Somerville, [which the City of Cambridge has pledged millions in funding](#) in order to help improve public transportation in and around the City, yet numerous residents in Cambridge have been voicing concerns about the station's accessibility; and

WHEREAS: With the [GLX project running over budget](#) and construction of Somerville's Union Square station in danger of being halted in 2015, [MassDot planners were compelled to make difficult cuts](#) and scale back their designs to the station to reduce costs; and

WHEREAS: Some of these cost-cutting measures included the deletion of stairs and elevators, and while ramps have been added in their place, some Cambridge residents nevertheless state that the new design will make accessibility difficult for those with mobility impairments and are urging GLX planners to revisit the station's designs with a view to improving accessibility for those coming to the station from Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record urging MassDOT to revisit and review plans for the forthcoming Union Square Station in Somerville with a view toward making the station more accessible to those with mobility impairments; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to John Dalton, Program Manager of the MBTA Green Line Extension, and to Governor Charles D. Baker, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 Mar 18, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: [Municipal Ordinance 12.16.110](#) makes it the responsibility of private property owners or the occupants of said property to clear snow and ice from the public sidewalks and any crosswalks bordering their property in a timely manner (within 6 hours after the formation of ice, and within 12 hours after the end of snowfall during the day, or by 1pm for snow that fell overnight); and

WHEREAS: Failure to clear snow and ice promptly is subject to a \$50 per day fine; and

WHEREAS: Following every snow event, there are numerous reports of icy and un-shoveled sidewalks submitted through Commonwealth Connect, and many instances of uncleared and dangerous sidewalks that are not reported through the app but are issued fines by DPW staff; and

WHEREAS: In some cases the same property owners are "repeat offenders"; and

WHEREAS: The City offers exemptions and help to qualifying low-income seniors and persons with disabilities who may be unable to properly clear the sidewalks around their property; and

WHEREAS: Some cities have begun prioritizing pedestrian mobility during winter by: 1) making snow removal on sidewalks the responsibility of the City to do on behalf of all residents, and 2) clearing sidewalks before streets, during and after a snow event; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works to report on the number of fines for failure to clear sidewalks issued from the winter of 2014-15 through the winter of 2018-19 (5 years), using the data available on the [Open Data Portal](#) and on Commonwealth Connect (if available for that year), showing the locations where reports were submitted and fines were issued each winter, and indicating which property owners received multiple fines annually, and any trends indicated by the data and the use of Commonwealth Connect to help making reporting and tracking violations easier; and be it further

ORDERED: That the report be used as the basis for discussion in a future meeting of the Public Safety Committee on what enforcement policies, incentives and targeted outreach programs the City can employ to improve compliance so that snow clearance violations become extremely rare in future winters.

O-5 Mar 18, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Harm Reduction Commission, appointed by Governor Baker to review and make recommendations regarding harm reduction opportunities to address substance use disorder, recently completed its work and released a final report; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Opioid Working Group, appointed by City Manager DePasquale to review disease surveillance data, identify best practices about opioid-related prevention, intervention, and treatment activities, as well as share information about the chronic nature of addiction, has also recently released its final report; and

WHEREAS: The Commission and the Working Group's reports provide immediate and longer-term action steps and essential guides to best practices to help communities address these grave and widespread issues; and

WHEREAS: As a member of and major contributor to both groups, Mayor Marc C. McGovern has played a significant role in these achievements in furthering the discussion on addiction and on the opioid crisis and overdose epidemic; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its gratitude to Mayor McGovern and all members of the Harm Reduction Commission and the Cambridge Opioid Working Group for their leadership and service; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Human Services and Veterans Committee hold a future hearing to receive an update on the recommendations in these reports and on efforts in Cambridge to address substance use disorder and the opioid crisis.

O-6 Mar 18, 2019

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge continues to promote the need for protections and assurances that people throughout our community, whether working in the public or the private sector, are given equal pay for equal work and equal opportunities for advancement, regardless of race, creed, color, ethnicity, or orientation; and

WHEREAS: The United States Congress is currently scheduled to debate and vote upon *The Paycheck Fairness Act* ([S. 819 and H.R. 1869](#)) on Mar 25, 2019, and this legislation would add procedural protections to the *Equal Pay Act of 1963* and the *Fair Labor Standards Act* across the country; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the members of the Massachusetts Delegation to Washington to vote in favor of *The Paycheck Fairness Act*; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the members of the Massachusetts Delegation to Washington on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Mar 18, 2019

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Toomey for a street corner dedication in honor of Daniel Crowley Jr. and Verina Crowley in the vicinity of Rindge Avenue and Clay Street; 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-8 Mar 18, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: Senator Elizabeth Warren reintroduced the [American Housing and Economic Mobility Act](#), a bicameral bill aimed at confronting America's housing crisis and endorsed by members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation, including Senator Edward Markey, Rep. Ayanna Pressley, and Rep. Joe Kennedy III; and

WHEREAS: An [independent report](#) from Moody's Analytics stated that the "Lack of housing is pushing up house prices and rents, making it even more difficult for low- and middle-income households to find a place to live;" that the production of affordable housing is especially falling behind demand, and as a result rents could increase by 4% annually; and that "Stiff zoning restrictions, higher permitting costs, and other regulations are significantly driving up building costs, particularly in urban areas where the shortage of affordable housing is especially acute;" and

WHEREAS: The American Housing and Economic Mobility Act calls for the creation of 3.2 million new housing units to control the cost of renting or buying a home, which Moody's predicts "will have the added benefit of improving housing affordability, particularly for affordable rental homes," and reduce rent costs each year and by as much as 10% over 10 years; and

WHEREAS: Noting that Federal housing policy systematically discriminated against Black families seeking to buy homes, thereby draining minority communities of wealth, the legislation would provide down payment grants to first-time homebuyers living in formerly redlined or officially segregated areas; and

WHEREAS: Finding that "[local land use rules](#) can significant increase construction costs, making it unattractive to build housing for anyone but the richest Americans," the legislation offers \$10 billion in grants that local governments can use for public improvement projects if they "reform land use rules that restrict production of new affordable housing;" and

WHEREAS: The legislation also would also hold financial institutions accountable for providing access to credit for all Americans, strengthen anti-discrimination laws, and improve the housing voucher programs; and

WHEREAS: The legislation has been endorsed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the NAACP, the [National Coalition for the Homeless](#), the Poverty & Race Research Action Council, the National Rural Housing Coalition, and the Mayors of Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Medford, Salem, and many other organizations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That in recognition of the factors that contributed to the national and local housing crisis and disparate neighborhood opportunity—restrictive state and local zoning rules, funding shortages in affordable housing production, and the legacy of government-backed discrimination—the City Council endorses the bicameral American Housing and Economic Mobility Act; 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 Honorable Senator Elizabeth Warren of Cambridge and the entire Congressional delegation from Massachusetts on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-9 Mar 18, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City has collected bike count data either annually or biennially since 2002; and

WHEREAS: This data is valuable and helps the City plan appropriately and allocate resources properly for both bike and other modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS: [Data from the Eco-Display counter](#), positioned on Broadway in Kendall Square, is one of the busiest biking locations in the City and riding activity is roughly flat since its installation in 2015, and data from the City's traditional bike count measures show a dramatic rise in bicycling between 2002 and 2012, a significant drop in 2014 and roughly an equal rise in 2016, as calculated by a City Council aide, indicating that those bike counts may also reflect relatively flat bike use growth; and

WHEREAS: The Community Development Department has not made public the bike count data from either 2016 or 2018 in the same format as previous bike counts are presented in the Cambridge Bicycle Plan; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant staff about updating the bike data count chart, along with other data tables and charts, in the Cambridge Bicycle Plan to reflect 2016 and 2018 data and to report back to the City Council on this issue.

O-10 Mar 18, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City launched an [Eco-Counter Eco-Display](#) device, formerly called the Eco-Totem, in June of 2015 on Broadway to [count bicycle trips](#); and

WHEREAS: The Eco-Display is an effective data capturing tool and a valuable addition to our traditional bike counting measures that provides both real-time continuous data with roughly 95% accuracy and access to proprietary data analysis tools; and

WHEREAS: As of 2016, the City had 20 bike-counting locations where date-specific data was collected for the City's annual bike counts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant staff to report to the City Council on how the data collected from the Broadway Eco-Display is used to inform the City's transportation planning efforts; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant staff and report back to the Council on the possibility of installing additional Eco-Display counters at the highest trafficked bicycle locations to provide more comprehensive information about bike use and, possibly, other vehicles such as scooters that Eco-Counters can currently measure or may be able to measure in the future.

O-11 Mar 18, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Angel Fetene, beloved daughter, sister, friend, resident of Cambridge and student at the Maria L. Baldwin School,

touched, and indeed still touches, the lives of family, friends, caregivers, and teachers; and

WHEREAS: Angel was a constant and consistent source of inspiration to all who came into contact with her and wherever she went she would brighten up the room with her beautiful smile, cheerful spirit, and positive affect; and

WHEREAS: Angel tirelessly, fearlessly, and bravely waged a battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS: Despite her struggles, set-backs, and, ultimately, her loss to this horrible disease, she never once wavered in her care and concern for others; and

WHEREAS: Angel Fetene lives on in her positive impact on those who were blessed to have known this remarkable young lady, who taught, and continues to teach us all how to remain positive and optimistic in even the most dire of circumstances; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Kelley for a street corner dedication in honor of Angel Fetene at the corner of Sacramento Street and Oxford Street, or a similar location near the Baldwin School; 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-12 Mar 18, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The town of Brookline approved a [pilot program](#) for shared, dock-less scooters with a scheduled launch date of April 1st; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge should be at the forefront of micro-mobility and new technology and successful adaption of Cambridge's streets, sidewalks, and other public and private areas to these new platforms is crucial to addressing local and regional congestion problems and unlocking new ways of thinking about development, housing, transportation, public space, and more; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with City staff and report back to the City Council on the status of any similar micro-mobility pilot programs or partnerships in Cambridge.

O-13 Mar 18, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Shelter is a fundamental human right; and

WHEREAS: There is a continuing housing affordability crisis in the City of Cambridge, exacerbating resident displacement, destabilizing communities, disrupting children's educations, threatening the stability of Cambridge schools, undermining the health and vitality of our neighborhoods, and jeopardizing the diversity that Cantabrigians cherish; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a severely limited supply of affordable housing options for persons with modest incomes, as evidenced by the long mobile voucher wait list at CHA which exceeds 10,800 as of March 2019, as well as the City's [2016 Housing Profile](#) which indicates that the city's affordable housing stock has actually

decreased as a percentage of total housing stock over the last few decades while market rental prices have sharply risen; and
WHEREAS: Current Federal funding levels for the Section 8 Housing Choice Tenant-Based Voucher Program are sorely insufficient to support all of the individuals and families in need in Massachusetts, as evidenced by the fact that the Massachusetts Centralized Waiting List exceeds 20,000 people as of January 2019; and

WHEREAS: The creation of a universal voucher program would create more opportunities for Cantabrigians to find housing and would dramatically improve the lives of millions of Americans by providing them with affordable housing, thereby allowing them to invest in food, education, job training, and savings for themselves and their families; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging our elected representatives in both houses of Congress to sponsor an amendment to the 2019 Federal Budget that would fully fund the Section 8 Housing Choice Tenant-Based Voucher Program so that every person in need of shelter in the United States of America shall be housed; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Cambridge's entire Congressional Delegation, as well as HUD Secretary Ben Carson, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-14 Mar 18, 2019

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has neighborhoods with people from many backgrounds, and said residents are facing displacement despite the city's efforts to provide stable, affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: The preservation of neighborhood character, and prevention of displacement, are stated goals of the Envision process; and

WHEREAS: Most new housing, both affordable and inclusionary (up to 20% affordable), is being built in the emerging post-industrial districts of Alewife's Triangle and Quadrangle, and North Point, which lack Cambridge's traditional social infrastructure (institutional meeting places, elementary schools, libraries, etc.); and

WHEREAS: Studies show that being displaced from one's home and especially one's neighborhood have dramatic impacts on a resident's quality of life and even life expectancy; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston created a pilot program in 2015 entitled the "Diversity Preservation Policy" that gives "preference for existing neighborhood residents for up to 50 percent in projects located in non-segregated geographies with high rates of displacement or households at high risk of displacement."; and

WHEREAS: Boston continues this pilot on a building-by-building basis after the 2017 pilot deadline; and

WHEREAS: This pilot program does not apply to Federally funded HUD programs and addresses housing discrimination by requiring the designated neighborhood radius contain no more than 60 percent of any one race; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to examine the need and possibility of neighborhood preference in Cambridge in the short and long-terms, especially when new housing is constructed in an existing

neighborhood where displacement is occurring and present the findings to the City Council.

Diversity Preservation Policy (aka Pilot Displacement Preference)

The goal of the policy is to stabilize neighborhoods and minimize displacement by providing a preference for existing neighborhood residents for up to 50% of the units in projects located in non-segregated geographies with high rates of displacement or households at high risk of displacement. The pilot preference will only be for initial rent up or sale of units. The Pilot Preference will run until the end of 2017. We will evaluate the impact of the policy after each completed project. The policy will not be applied to Federally-funded projects prior to obtaining HUD approval to do so.

Neighborhood

Eligible geographic target area for the displacement preference varies depending on number of units in the subject housing development.

- <20 units = within 1/4 mile buffer
- 20-50 units = within 1/2 mile buffer
- 50+ units = within 3/4 mile buffer

If the resulting target area has a population comprised of 60% or more of any single racial or ethnic category, the target may be expanded or the percentage of units subject to the preference may be reduced to ensure that access for persons of color is not hampered.

DND will submit the demographics, including the racial and ethnic composition, tenure characteristics and rent burden data, of each geographic target area to Fair Housing & Equity for review.

Eligible Neighborhoods (High risk for displacement)

Target areas with more than 30% of its households with a severe rent burden (paying over 50% of their household income for rent).

Household Eligibility Criteria for Displacement Preference

Household living within the target geographic area and at least one of the following criteria:

- 1) Rent-Burdened Households not already living in a subsidized housing unit
Rent Burdened: Household income under 30% of AMI paying more than 30% of income for rent or household income over 30% but under 60% of AMI paying more than 50% of income for rent. Includes Section 8 voucher holder in unsubsidized unit paying more than 30% of Income for rent (tenant paying amount of rent over FMR)
- 2) Elderly homeowners (62+) with household income under 80% of AMI (preference for rental housing only)
- 3) Renters with a disability and household income under 100% of AMI
- 4) Renter household with household income under 80% of AMI with school age children in a Boston school

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COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

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WHEREAS: Quality, therapeutic healthcare is a fundamental human right; and

WHEREAS: The United States of America [spends](#) far more per capita on health care than any other industrialized nation, yet nearly 30 million Americans [remain](#) uninsured, at least 40 million more [cannot afford](#) the costs of their co-pays & deductibles, and a

[2009 study](#) found that 45,000 people die annually in the US due to a lack of coverage; and

WHEREAS: Despite spending [nearly](#) 18% of gross domestic product on healthcare, the US has worse health outcomes compared with other industrialized nations, including higher [maternal](#) and [infant](#) mortality rates, a [lower](#) overall life expectancy, and staggering rates of [obesity](#), [diabetes](#), [cardiovascular disease](#), and other largely preventable deaths; and

WHEREAS: An [estimated](#) one-quarter to one-third of total healthcare spending in the US is on administrative costs, including generating bills and collecting payments, and [one study](#) found as much as 80% of the billing-related costs in the US are due to additional complexities caused by the multiplicity of payers in our current system; and

WHEREAS: Although the [Affordable Care Act](#) (ACA) has resulted in substantial increases in coverage since it passed in 2010, the [14 states](#) not participating in ACA-authorized Medicaid expansion perpetuate non-coverage for low-income individuals; and

WHEREAS: Too many Americans are forced to choose between paying rent and paying for lifesaving medical treatments, or are only [one medical crisis](#) away from bankruptcy, and per capita pharmaceutical spending is nearly [twice as high](#) in the US as it is in Canada; and

WHEREAS: The Medicare for All Act of 2019 ([H.R.1384](#)), introduced by Rep. Pramila Jayapal (DWA- 7) with 106 cosponsors including both members of Cambridge’s delegation, would address this crisis by improving and expanding Medicare to create guaranteed access to healthcare with comprehensive benefits for everyone in the United States; and

WHEREAS: The legislation would transition the US healthcare system to a single-payer, Medicare for All system over a two-year period, improving efficiency, completely eliminating private insurance premiums, deductibles, co-pays, and other out-of-pocket costs, and allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices, as most countries do, further reducing consumer costs; and

WHEREAS: The legislation would give patients complete freedom to choose their doctors, hospitals, and other providers, without having to worry about whether a provider is “in-network”, while completely covering all primary care, hospital and outpatient services, dental, vision, audiology, women’s reproductive health services, maternity and newborn care, long-term services and supports, prescription drugs, mental health and substance abuse treatment, laboratory and diagnostic services, ambulatory services, and more; and

WHEREAS: The legislation would completely preserve funding for the Veterans Administration and Indian Health Services, ensuring that veterans and indigenous peoples continue to receive the targeted, effective service they deserve while expanding the range of providers and services available to these populations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in enthusiastic support of the Medicare for All Act of 2019 (H.R.1384), in thanking Cambridge’s Congressional delegation for their support, and in urging the US House of Representatives to pass the legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Cambridge’s congressional delegation and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on behalf of the entire City Council.