

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-114, regarding bicycle signage on Brattle Street.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Planning Board to adopt the Petition to change the floor area ratio (FAR) for hotel use in the Industry B (IB) district from 2.75 to 4.0.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$75,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Department of Human Services Programs Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used to conduct a study to determine appropriate and necessary repairs to the concrete and circulation system at the War Memorial Pool.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$560,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account which will fund the refurbishing of a 2002 Pierce Rear-Mount Aerial Ladder Truck.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$593,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account which will fund the replacement of a 2007 Pierce Pumper Fire Truck.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$911,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Emergency Communications Extraordinary Expenditures account which will fund the necessary equipment for the radio replacement program.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$250,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Emergency Communications Extraordinary Expenditure account which will fund a new radio site for the Conventional Radio System in the eastern portion of the city.
8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Traffic Enforcement Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's (EOPSS) Traffic Enforcement Grant Program in the amount of \$6,370 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account which will fund high-visibility traffic enforcement of motor vehicle laws, related to impaired driving.
9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY19 Shannon Grant for \$24,094.87 received from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition's Community Safety Initiative through the Executive Office of Public Safety and

Security to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account (\$19,904) and the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$4,190.87) which will be dedicated to hot spot patrols, Metro Gang Task Force participation, and the Focused Deterrence program, and to support the Sion Chambers Area IV Late Night Basketball League at the Community Art Center.

10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$65,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (Insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Police Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services for the remainder of the fiscal year for personnel injured in the performance of their duties.
11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to recommendations for the block rates for water consumption and sewer use for the period beginning Apr 1, 2019 and ending Mar 31, 2020.

CHARTER RIGHT

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.
6. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. 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

8. 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
9. 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.
10. 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" ON OR AFTER APR 8, 2019
THE QUESTION COMES ON PASSAGE TO BE ORDAINED

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Harvard Square Business Association requesting permission for thirty-eight temporary banners on poles in Harvard Square announcing Welcome to Historic Harvard Square on May 1, 2019 thru Apr 1, 2020.
2. A Zoning Petition has been received from Hemenway & Barnes LLP. on behalf of Verizon New England Inc., seeking to amend the Zoning Map to certain provisions of Article 20 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the creation of a "Ware Street Innovation Space" Overlay District. Note that Ware Street is the only property affected by this petition.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Carolyn Magid, 71 Reed Street, regarding support of Policy Order #13 and Policy Order #15.
2. A communication was received from Louise Parker, 1 Warwick Park, regarding support of Policy Order #13.
3. A communication was received from Louise Parker, 1 Warwick Park, regarding support of Policy Order #15.
4. A communication was received from Dana Bullister, 155 5th Street, regarding medicare for all and Section 8 housing vouchers.
5. A communication was received from Alan Meyers, 84 Amory Street, regarding support of Policy Order #13.
6. A communication was received from Sheli Wortis, 106 Berkshire Street, regarding support of Policy Order #13.

7. A communication was received from Lisan Mo, regarding housing vouchers - Policy Order #13.
8. A communication was received from Ann Fleck-Henderson, regarding City Council resolution.
9. A communication was received from Catalina Arboleda, 950 Massachusetts Avenue, regarding ENVISION Plan for Cambridge.
10. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, requesting the City order Twining Co. to remove the fence blocking access to a City owned bench.
11. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding keeping the well-being and concerns of the people secure.
12. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding it being alright to be a human being forever.
13. A communication was received from Charles T. Hinds, President, ECPT, regarding support of Policy Order 2019 #81.
14. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding tree protection.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of John Hathaway from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor McGovern
2. Resolution on the death of Charles S. Smith. Vice Mayor Devereux
3. Speedy Recovery wishes to Representative Ayanna Pressley. Councillor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Council declaring Apr 2, 2019 as Autism Awareness Day. Mayor McGovern
2. That the City Manager confer with the Community Development Department, Economic Development Department, and the Cambridge Arts Council to designate a staff member in the Economic Development Department as an "arts liaison." Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the License Commission, Cambridge Arts Council, and IT Department to create a dedicated comprehensive "arts friendly" licensing web page. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
4. That the City Council go on record proclaiming Apr 1-7, 2019 as Cambridge Public Health Week. Mayor McGovern
5. That the City Manager confer with the Mayor's Office, Commission on Persons with Disabilities, and Police Department to increase accessibility to the deaf community by hiring American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters and using apps such as Language Line Solutions to communicate with the deaf community in their first language. Councillor Mallon, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Toomey

6. That a Roundtable meeting be scheduled for Tues, Apr 9, 2019, at 5:30pm in the Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, for the purpose of discussing the Affordable Housing Zoning Overlay proposal. Mayor McGovern
7. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Toomey to rename the “Ann Marie Sarchioni Square” at the corner of Ames and Broadway to the “Sarchioni Sisters Square.” Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Electrical Department on whether City Hall’s non-essential lights and/or outdoor illuminating lights may be turned off on the evening of Saturday, March 30 between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., in observance of Earth Hour and to place Earth Hour 2019 on the City’s calendar and to promote public awareness and participation in Earth Hour through social media and other channels. Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan
9. City Council support of increased State funding to the Health Incentive Program (HIP). Councillor Mallon, Vice Mayor Devereux
10. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments to make the necessary provisions to televise and record the Ordinance Committee hearing on “Accessory Dwelling Units” for 2:00pm on Tues, Apr 2, 2019. Councillor Kelley
11. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to examine the need and possibility of implementing the Pilot Displacement Preference program in Cambridge, especially when new housing is constructed in an existing neighborhood where displacement is occurring. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui
12. That the City Manager is requested to double the annual funding (from the FY19 Adopted Budget) over the next 3 to 5 years to reach a combined total minimum of \$30 million per year (plus any additional use of “Free Cash”) in the areas of Affordable housing construction, tree canopy, Preschool enrollment scholarships/space, Central Square revitalization and Cultural Arts District and the arts in general. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Alanna Mallon and Councillor Sumbul Siddiqui, Co -Chairs of the Human Services and Veterans Committee, for a public hearing held on Feb 26, 2019 to discuss what measures are being enacted to instill a greater level of confidence in local Cambridge Health Alliance centers to prevent another occurrence of this nature.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a communication from Councillor Mallon, submitting notes of the meeting on Mar 13, 2019 of the Mayor’s Arts Task Force.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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, 2019 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)

Tues, Apr 23

3:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Zero Waster Master Plan and ways to reduce single use plastics in Cambridge. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, Apr 24

12:00pm The Economic Development & University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a Cambridge vacant property registration ordinance. (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)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a petition to amend the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.16 entitled "Noise Control" by deleting sections 16.081 through 16.081.7 to prohibit the use of leaf blowers in the City of Cambridge. (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 25, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is associated with a group of developmental disorders, comprising a wide range of symptoms, skills, and levels of disability that can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS: ASD is estimated to be the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network (ADDM), affecting one in sixty-eight children in the United States; and

WHEREAS: There is currently no cure for autism, but early diagnosis and intervention, as well as ongoing support from family, doctors, therapists, and educators are crucial to successful outcomes of individuals with autism; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge will proudly observe Autism Awareness Day on Apr 2, 2019 as we move beyond awareness and into acceptance of Autism; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Office, Fletcher-Maynard Academy, King Open School, Cambridgeport School, Cambridge Street Upper School, and Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School have coordinated their efforts to recognize Cambridge students and Cambridge residents with Autism on this day; and

WHEREAS: To commemorate the occasion, Cambridge will join an international movement to illuminate historic monuments and buildings in blue by lighting up Cambridge City Hall during the week of Apr 1, 2019; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record declaring Apr 2, 2019, as "Autism Awareness Day" in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That at the City Council meeting on Apr 1, 2019, a motion to recess will be made at the appropriate time so that the City Council has the opportunity to attend the Autism Awareness Day "Lighting Up" Ceremony; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Susan Gurry, Chairperson of the Cambridge Autism Awareness Day Committee; Principal Robin Harris of the Fletcher-Maynard Academy; Principal Darrell Williams of the King Open School; Principal Katie Charner-Laird of the Cambridgeport School; Principal Damon Smith of Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School; and Principal Manuel Fernandez of the Cambridge Street Upper School, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Mar 25, 2019

COUNCILLOR MALLON

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Artists and arts organizations are a unique subset of our small business community that need additional supports to thrive in our City, especially when their innovative business models do not fit neatly into categories laid out in the Table of Uses or permitted/allowed events; and

WHEREAS: Opening an arts-related business requires coordination between several City departments, but artists and arts organizations often lack a single point of entry who would serve as a single point of contact and entry for artists and arts organizations seeking help with zoning, permitting, licensing, and any other aspects of operating a small business in the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Arts Council, License Commission, Inspectional Services Department, and others involved in the permitting process all have key resources available for the artist community, but there are more opportunities to create inter-departmental connections to provide additional support through creating a single point of entry via a City staff member; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, Economic Development Department, and Cambridge Arts Council to explore the possibility of designating a staff member in the Economic Development Department as an “arts liaison”; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-3 Mar 25, 2019

COUNCILLOR MALLON

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Navigating the bureaucracy of the licensing and permitting process has been identified as a major challenge by the artist community; and

WHEREAS: The License Commission has already made improvements and adjustments to their website, particularly to clarify the types of events that do and do not require one-day permits, however there is more potential for creating a more streamlined and arts-friendly experience; and

WHEREAS: The Arts community has expressed interest in expanding on these improvements by creating an online “one-stop-shop” to apply for licenses and permits for a diverse set of performances and cultural events, similar to cities such as Austin, Texas’s [City Stage](#); and

WHEREAS: The License Commission plays an important role in ensuring safety and respect for surrounding residential neighborhoods, but the current website messaging around arts and cultural events should convey a more positive tone in encouraging innovative and vibrant arts programming, especially for applicants new to the process; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the License Commission, Cambridge Arts Council, and IT Department to explore the possibility of creating a dedicated and comprehensive page on the License Commission website which is “arts friendly”, easy to navigate, regularly updated and maintained, provides a calendar of permitted arts events to avoid overlap and conflict, and creates highly-visible interdepartmental connections to serve as a “one-stop-shop” for developing arts and cultural events and spaces; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-4 Mar 25, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that National Public Health Week, organized by the American Public Health Association, is celebrated across the country from April 1–7 with an ongoing focus on creating the healthiest nation in one

generation by ensuring conditions where everyone has the opportunity to be healthy; and

WHEREAS: All people deserve the opportunity to live long, healthy, and productive lives; in the U.S. today, significant and life-threatening disparities in health care access, disease burden, premature death and infant mortality persist across our communities and between neighborhoods only a few miles apart—this is unacceptable in a country as wealthy and medically advanced as ours; and

WHEREAS: Recognizing the value of a strong public health system, Cambridge has made substantial investments in public health, health care, and other initiatives that prevent illness from occurring in the first place; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public Health Department achieved national accreditation in 2018, a reflection of its commitment to public health innovation; recognizing that good health results from more than having a doctor and insurance, the health department has partnered with city departments and community organizations to create and implement the *Cambridge Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)*--the city’s five-year health agenda; and

WHEREAS: Over 40 city and community partners have made tangible progress in the four CHIP health priority areas for the city: healthy eating and active living; mental health and substance abuse; violence prevention; and healthy, safe, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public Health Department is now embarking on a new community health assessment this April and will be seeking input from people who live, learn, work, and play in Cambridge about how to create a healthier city for all; and

WHEREAS: Amid partisan national efforts to erode long-standing protections for vulnerable populations, Cambridge is showing that there is another, brighter way forward; our city’s public schools are adhering to Obama-era healthier meal guidelines despite the recent rollback of these standards by the federal government; our city recently allocated funding to expand the number of children in public schools and city-run preschools who have access to free meals; our police department is setting the national bar for procedural justice; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record proclaiming Apr 1–7, 2019 as Cambridge Public Health Week in appreciation of the extensive work on the part of the public and private sectors in the city to promote healthy living, prevent disease and injury, and respond to threats to our well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Claude A. Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer at the Cambridge Public Health Department, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Mar 25, 2019

COUNCILLOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is striving to be more inclusive and accessible in every City department, in delivering City services, and when hosting City events; and

WHEREAS: Communication with the deaf community should be through their first and preferred language, which is American sign language, not written communication; and

WHEREAS: There are multiple opportunities for the City to make our communication with the deaf community more accessible,

such as having interpreters present when critical information is conveyed through press conferences with the Mayor, City Manager, or Police Commissioner; and
WHEREAS: In the area of public safety specifically, many cities such as San Francisco are [using apps](#) to connect with virtual interpreters so that officers can speak with deaf victims, witnesses, or perpetrators of crimes in their first language; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Mayor's Office, Commission on Persons with Disabilities, and Police Department to explore the possibility of hiring American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters to translate at City press conferences; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Department and all other appropriate departments to explore the possibility of using an app, such as "Language Line Solutions" to enable officers and other City personnel to communicate with the deaf community; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-6 Mar 25, 2019
MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That a Roundtable/Working Meeting be scheduled for Tues, Apr 9, 2019, at 5:30pm in the Sullivan Chamber of City Hall for the purpose of discussing the Affordable Housing Zoning Overlay proposal; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City Departments to televise and record the Roundtable/Working Meeting on Apr 9, 2019.

O-7 Mar 25, 2019
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: When construction started on the corner of Ames and Broadway, the dedication plaque for Ann Marie Sarchioni was removed; and
WHEREAS: Since that time, the three remaining Sarchioni sisters, Barbara, Alice and Catherine, have passed away; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Toomey to rename the "Ann Marie Sarchioni Square" at the corner of Ames and Broadway to the "Sarchioni Sisters Square"; 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 25, 2019
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has demonstrated its commitment to fighting climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the City's Net Zero Action Plan; and
WHEREAS: Earth Hour is an annual event sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in which people in over 7,000 cities around the world participate by turning off all non-essential lights for one hour to show they are committed to fighting climate change, and to help raise awareness about this global emergency; and

WHEREAS: Last year, over 17,900 monuments and landmark buildings switched off their lights, including the United Nations, the Empire State Building, the Eiffel Tower, Seattle's Space Needle, Dubai's Burj Khalifa Tower, Sydney's Opera House, and city halls around the world; and
WHEREAS: Earth Hour 2019 will take place on Saturday, March 30 from 8:30 to 9:30pm; and
WHEREAS: 2019 marks the 13th consecutive international Earth Hour observation; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Electrical Department on whether City Hall's non-essential lights and/or outdoor illuminating lights may be turned off on the evening of Saturday, March 30 between 8:30 and 9:30pm, in observance of Earth Hour; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Communications and Community Relations and other City staff to place Earth Hour 2019 on the City's calendar and to promote public awareness and participation in Earth Hour through social media and other channels.

O-9 Mar 25, 2019
COUNCILLOR MALLON
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) was launched in 2017 to ensure that families using SNAP benefits have the ability to buy fresh, local produce by providing a dollar-for-dollar match on all SNAP dollars used at local farm stands, farmers' markets, mobile markets, and community supported agriculture programs; and
WHEREAS: Since its launch in 2017, HIP participants have spent more than \$9 million on local produce, with 55,000 households and 102,000 individuals having increased access to fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables; and
WHEREAS: Out of these 55,000 households, almost 55% include a senior, 30% include a child, and 33% include a person with a disability, all populations that historically have trouble accessing locally grown produce, despite the proven health benefits and savings of \$1.9 million in public health costs; and
WHEREAS: Since 2017, local farmers have seen sales increase 600%, generating \$1.12 for every dollar spent, and an additional \$10 million in financial transactions in the Commonwealth; and
WHEREAS: The success of the Healthy Incentives Program has so far outpaced its growth that additional resources need to be allocated, especially as the program predicts 15% growth over the next year; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting the Massachusetts Food System Collaborative in their ask that the Massachusetts State Legislature allocate the needed additional \$8.5 million to the Healthy Incentives Program for the 2020 Fiscal Year; 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 Cambridge Legislative Delegation, Representative Aaron Michlewitz: Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee and Senator Michael Rodrigues, Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-10 Mar 25, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments to make the necessary provisions to televise and record the Ordinance Committee hearing on “Accessory Dwelling Units” for 2:00pm on Tues, Apr 2, 2019, with no set ending time.

O-11 Mar 25, 2019

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

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, defined by our racial and socioeconomic diversity, 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: The City of Boston created a pilot program in 2016 entitled the “Diversity Preservation Policy” (aka Pilot Displacement Preference) that gives “preference for existing neighborhood residents for up to 50 percent of the units in projects located in non-segregated geographies with high rates of displacement or households at high risk of displacement;” and

WHEREAS: Boston will continue the Pilot Preference until the end of 2020, when it will be reevaluated; and

WHEREAS: This pilot program will only be for initial rent or sale of inclusionary affordable units not funded by the state or federal government and does not apply to Federally funded HUD programs and addresses housing discrimination by stipulating that the project target area contain no more than 60 percent of any one race, and that if the population percentage is higher “the target area may be expanded to ensure diversity or the percentage of units subject to the preference may be reduced to ensure that access for persons of color is not hampered;” 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 implementing the Pilot Displacement Preference program in Cambridge, 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 2020 and an assessment and decision regarding the extension of the policy will be made at that time. We will evaluate the impact of the

policy after each completed project. The policy will not be applied to Federally-funded or State-funded projects prior to obtaining HUD and/or DHCD approval to do so.

Applicable Neighborhood Geographic Target Area (Project Buffer)

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

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 Neighborhood Target Areas

Racial/Ethnic Diversity

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

High Risk for Displacement

Target areas (buffers) with 35% or more of its low-income renter households (*Low income is defined as having a household income under \$50,000*) with a moderate or greater rent burden (paying over 35% 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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WHEREAS: Cambridge has the noteworthy distinction of earning a AAA bond rating from the nation’s three major credit rating agencies each year since 1999; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge’s “Free Cash” fund amount totals \$223.8 million and grew by \$63.3 million in the last five years, even as we have continued to use it to offset property tax levy increases and

fund the city's debt stabilization fund to offset the debt increases due to the City's School Building program; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a unique ability to increase revenue capacity due to our exceptional commercial tax base; and

WHEREAS: The FY19 operating budget is \$636 million, and the certified net free at the beginning of FY19 of \$223.8 million represents 35% of the operating budget; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has adopted [goals](#) which include:

- Increase access to affordable housing for all income groups
- Ensure that Cambridge offers economic and educational opportunity to all
- Deepen our commitment to sustainable use of energy and strengthen our capacity for resilience
- Expand and deepen community engagement
- Develop more proactive, inclusive, and transparent city planning process; and

WHEREAS: An infusion of capital spending would increase progress on achieving these goals without significantly altering the city's operating budget, and may be one of the options to consider in these areas; and

WHEREAS: Five specific areas that could benefit from such a capital expenditure infusion are:

affordable housing production and protection, reversing tree canopy decline, expanding pre-K and after-school education, revitalizing Central Square, and funding the arts; and

WHEREAS: The Affordable Housing Trust Funds can be leveraged through direct capital spending to produce additional income-restricted affordable housing and preserve existing affordable housing in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force has identified a need to plant tens of thousands of trees throughout the city over the next number of decades, at a cost of roughly \$2,000 per tree, just to maintain our current canopy after an estimated decline of 18% over the past decade; and

WHEREAS: Central Square needs significant improvements to the sidewalks, streetscape, municipal buildings, tree plantings and other improvements as identified by this council on numerous occasions and through several policy orders; and

WHEREAS: A major constraint on pre-K and afterschool education programs in Cambridge is available physical space; and

WHEREAS: As more and more artists are displaced from the city, we must work to keep the arts a prominent part of the city's culture; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to double the annual funding (from the FY19 Adopted Budget) over the next 3 to 5 years to reach a combined total minimum of \$30 million per year (plus any additional use of "Free Cash") in the following areas, while being mindful of the practices and policies that have allowed the City to achieve and maintain a Triple A Bond rating from the three major credit rating agencies:

- Affordable housing construction
- Tree canopy
- Preschool enrollment scholarships/space
- Central Square revitalization
- Cultural Arts District and the arts in general; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter during the FY20 property classification hearing process and the FY21 Budget Development Process.