

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as new members of the Planning Board for a term of three years, effective Apr 2, 2018: Nikolas Bowie and Corinne Espinoza

Mar 26, 2018

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby transmitting the notification of the appointments of the following new members of the Planning Board for a term of three years, effective Apr 2, 2018:

Nikolas Bowie

Mr. Bowie is a graduate of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and Harvard Law School who has returned to Cambridge after serving as a clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. He is currently an Assistant Professor at Harvard Law School and Ph.D. candidate in history at Harvard College.

Corinne Espinoza

Ms. Espinoza lives and works in Cambridge, with a professional background in administration for higher education and research as well as social entrepreneurship. She has served in leadership roles for local community organizations including the Amigos School, Cambridge Community Center, and Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin.

Very truly yours, Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-18, regarding a report on the success of the Polystyrene Ordinance.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-95, regarding update on leaf blowers.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-19, regarding Central Square pedestrian signals.
5. 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, 2018 and ending Mar 31, 2019.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$40,000 from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Fund Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Traffic, Parking and Transportation Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year for Traffic and Parking personnel injured in the performance of their duties.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the Chair of the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee be and hereby is requested to schedule a meeting to discuss parking options for City and School employees who do not get jobs that come with parking. [Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Devereux]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Nathanael Fillmore, regarding bike lanes on the Longfellow Bridge.

2. A communication was received from Arthur Strang, regarding protected bike lanes on the Longfellow Bridge.
3. A communication was received from Peter LaMorder, regarding Policy Order on bike lanes.
4. A communication was received from Sarah Levy, 52 Pearl Street, regarding support on protected bike infrastructure on the Longfellow.
5. A communication was received from Laura Borrelli, regarding High school bike crash.
6. A communication was received from Crystal Rawlings, regarding preventive medicine.
7. A communication was received from Zeke Schmois, regarding scary moment, bicycle safety.
8. A communication was received from James M. Williamson, regarding the expected impending welcome by MIT of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia.
9. A communication was received from Nels M. N. Frye, regarding rezoning and increasing density in Cambridge, especially Neighborhood Nine.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to David Maher for being named the Cambridge Family and Children's Services Honoree at the organization's 25th Annual Circle of Friends Gala and Auction on May 10, 2018 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. Councillor Simmons
2. Retirement of Rosa Argueta from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Mayor McGovern
3. Retirement of James Hall from the City of Cambridge Electrical Department. Mayor McGovern
4. Retirement of Jose Ortiz from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Mayor McGovern
5. Retirement of John Brogan from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor McGovern
6. Retirement of Kathleen Sullivan from the Cambridge Police Department. Mayor McGovern
7. Congratulations and best wishes to Microsoft on the occasion of the unveiling of their new innovation facility, the NERD Garage on Apr 26, 2018. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to explore the possibility of accepting the City of Boston's invitation to join their intergenerational housing pilot program. Councillor Mallon, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager conduct, compile, and publish an inventory of all City-owned vacant buildings and lots with the City's plans for them, if any. Councillor Mallon, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Devereux
3. That the City Manager is requested to appoint an appropriate City representative to work with the Historical Commission, the Veterans Services Department, representatives of the Cambridge African American Heritage Trail, Cambridge Historian Jon Hill, and any other appropriate parties in an effort to place markers on the graves of Mr. Cato Freeman and Mr. Neptune Frost at the Old Harvard Square Burial Ground, a marker for Mr. Agrippa Hull on the Cambridge Common, and markers for

any other early unsung patriots of color that we may yet determine have been hidden in the shadows of history for far too long. Councillor Simmons

4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development, the Executive Director of the Cambridge Arts Council, and the City Solicitor with a view in mind of drafting of an Arts Overlay District ordinance that would achieve the goals of creating and preserving spaces for the arts in the Central Square Cultural District. Councillor Mallon, Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern
5. That the City Council declare Apr 2, 2018, as Autism Awareness Day in the City of Cambridge and that a motion be made at the City Council Meeting of Apr 2, 2018 that the City Council recess to attend the Autism Awareness Day "Lighting Up" Ceremony. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mallon, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Toomey
6. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to compile a list of single family homes which could be purchased by the Affordable Housing Trust and converted to Single Room Occupancies or Housing Cooperatives. Councillor Toomey, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui
7. City Council support of the Temporary Protected Status Visa program and the 19 Attorney's General letter asking Congressional Leaders to support legislation granting Temporary Protected Status recipients permanent legal status. Mayor McGovern
8. City Council support of the City-owned building located at the corner of 859 Massachusetts Avenue be named "Rena House" in honor of Rena Gray, long-time resident and community activist. Councillor Simmons
9. City Council opposition to any legislation that would remove or limit the options of municipalities to pass local ordinances regulating short-term rentals to include accessing tax revenue similar to what is done with hotels and motels. Councillor Kelley

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Marc C. McGovern, transmitting a communication on Highlights from School Committee Meeting of Mar 3, 2018.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

Wed Apr 11

3:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss topics related to the MBTA bus service, including Cambridge's participation in the upcoming MBTA Service Plan, a brief update on upcoming pilot projects of dedicated bus lanes and transit signal prioritization, and a brief update on the upcoming construction of the bus tunnels in the Harvard Square MBTA station. (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)

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 26, 2018

COUNCILLOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Intergenerational living is a policy alternative used to combat the affordable housing crisis in many cities, both nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to a large number of graduate and post-doc students attending local universities who compete for market rate housing, which often results in long term family units becoming short term rentals; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is also home to a large population of seniors, many of whom want to “age in place” but face the challenges that come with being “overhoused”, such as high tax bills, trouble with day-to-day maintenance, and loneliness; and

WHEREAS: Pilot programs in New York, Cleveland, Boston, and elsewhere have been created to facilitate intergenerational living arrangements, which involve seniors renting spare rooms in their homes at below market rates to graduate or post-doc students, and on a case-by-case basis, these arrangements can include assistance with household tasks for an even lower rate; and

WHEREAS: These pilot programs have shown numerous positive benefits of intergenerational living, particularly for senior participants; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston is in the midst of piloting such a program; and

WHEREAS: Many of the graduate and post-doc applicants involved in Boston’s pilot are attending Cambridge universities, leading the City of Boston to explore extending an invitation to participate in its pilot to the City of Cambridge, should Cambridge accept that offer; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Community Development Department, Council on Aging, community liaisons of Harvard, MIT, and Lesley Universities, our affordable housing nonprofits, and other relevant parties to explore the possibility of joining the City of Boston in expanding its intergenerational housing pilot program to the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-2 Mar 26, 2018

COUNCILLOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge owns a number of vacant properties, including abandoned or empty buildings, municipal parking lots, and empty parcels of land; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is in need of additional affordable housing units, and to meet this critical need, the City must

be creative, innovative, and aggressive in developing alternative housing solutions; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge does not have a complete inventory of its vacant properties and the City’s plans for them; and
WHEREAS: Non-profit developers such as Just-A-Start and Homeowners Rehab Inc. have inquired about the use of these City-owned properties, specifically the municipal lots in Central Square; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant City departments to conduct, compile, and publish an inventory of all City-owned vacant buildings and lots with the City’s plans for them, if any; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager complete this inventory and report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-3 Mar 26, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Mr. Cato Freeman, a person of color who was born into slavery and who remained enslaved throughout his life, fought valiantly during the Revolutionary War, helping this country win its independence from British rule in the late 1700s; and

WHEREAS: It has recently come to light that Cato Freeman – sometimes identified by his slave name of “Cato Stedman” – was buried in Cambridge alongside his owner, Captain Ebenezer Stedman, at the Old Harvard Square Burial Ground, yet he has never been given a fitting burial marker of his own to note his contributions to this country’s founding; and

WHEREAS: Similarly, it has come to light that Mr. Neptune Frost, another person of color who fought during the Revolutionary War and was buried at the Old Harvard Square Burial Ground, has nearly been lost to history and has never had a proper memorial marker noting his presence or his contributions to this country’s founding; and

WHEREAS: It has also come to light that Thaddeus Kosciuszko, who has a marker on the rotunda of the historic Cambridge Common to note his critical contributions during the Revolutionary War era, was accompanied by Agrippa Hull, a person of color who was born free and who served for six years and two months in General Washington’s Continental Army, ultimately earning the Badge of Honor for his service; and

WHEREAS: Similar to the cases of Cato Freeman and Neptune Frost, no memorial markers or plaques have been placed upon the Cambridge Common to note Agrippa Hull’s contributions during the Revolutionary War era; and

WHEREAS: There were possibly thousands of cases of men and women of color – some born into slavery, some who spent a portion of their lives in bondage as slaves, and some who never lived in bondage – who fought bravely and valiantly alongside the other patriots in General Washington’s Army, yet the majority of their contributions have largely been lost to history; and

WHEREAS: As we strive to shine a bright light to achieve a fuller, more accurate sense of our history, and as part of our efforts to bring these individuals out of the shadows and into the proper recognition they deserve, it is only right that the City of Cambridge should seek to create historical markers that note the brave men and women of color who walked these streets and gave so much of themselves in order to

help give rise to the greatest democracy the world has ever known; and
WHEREAS: During the course of this process of deepening our historical understanding, we may well uncover evidence of other unsung men and women of color who contributed to this nation's founding, and it would be only fitting to ensure that proper historical markers are erected in their names as we become aware of them; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint an appropriate City representative to work with the Historical Commission, the Veterans Services Department, representatives of the Cambridge African American Heritage Trail, Cambridge Historian Jon Hill, and any other appropriate parties in an effort to place markers on the graves of Mr. Cato Freeman and Mr. Neptune Frost at the Old Harvard Square Burial Ground, a marker for Mr. Agrippa Hull on the Cambridge Common, and markers for any other early unsung patriots of color that we may yet determine have been hidden in the shadows of history for far too long.

O-4 Mar 26, 2018
COUNCILLOR MALLON
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Central Square is designated by the State of Massachusetts Cultural Council as an Arts and Culture District within the City of Cambridge; and
WHEREAS: This State designation requires that the City actively support and promote artists, their diverse crafts, and public consumption of them; and
WHEREAS: The unique needs of artists regarding their live/work space, studio space, gallery space, and performance space are not currently included in the City's current version of the Zoning Ordinance; and
WHEREAS: The creation of an Arts Overlay District specific to Central Square would allow artists to thrive in affordable live/work spaces, provide the necessary relief for the unique structural needs of studios, galleries, and performance spaces, create new venues for public consumption of art, and demonstrate the City's ongoing support for and promotion of local artists; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development, the Executive Director of the Cambridge Arts Council, and the City Solicitor with a view in mind of drafting of an Arts Overlay District ordinance that would achieve the goals of creating and preserving spaces for the arts in the Central Square Cultural District, and to report back to the City Council with recommendations.

O-5 Mar 26, 2018
MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR MALLON
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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, 2018 as we move beyond awareness and into acceptance of Autism; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Office, Fletcher-Maynard Academy, King Open School, Cambridgeport School, and Cambridge Street Upper 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 at 7:20 PM on Apr 2, 2018; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record declaring "**Apr 2, 2018, as Autism Awareness Day**" in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That at the City Council meeting on Apr 2, 2018, a motion to recess will be made 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; and Principal Manuel Fernandez of the Cambridge Street Upper School, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 Mar 26, 2018
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is facing an affordable housing crisis and the City needs to foster bold, innovative, and most importantly aggressive strategies to provide affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: In January 2015, the City Council unanimously approved an order of setting a goal of the creation of 1,000 new affordable units by 2020 and the City Manager's report back on the feasibility of this goal acknowledged the need for "new tools" to help the City achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS: Housing Cooperatives (Co-ops) have been utilized in other cities to provide affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: Single-Room Occupancies (SROs) are an essential component of the City's affordable housing stock and these forms of housing are increasingly scarce; and

WHEREAS: Currently the waiting list for an SRO through the Cambridge Housing Authority is 1,920 people which is a 55% increase from the 1,235 people in 2017; and

WHEREAS: SROs/Co-ops could provide transitional housing options Cambridge residents, veterans, the homeless,

immigrants, seniors who have been displaced and starter apartments for young adults; and
WHEREAS: Zoning regulations have made the purchase of these single-family homes to be converted to SROs/Co-ops not feasible in certain neighborhoods which do not provide any affordable housing; and
WHEREAS: Affordable housing opportunities leads to a more socio-economic diverse community; and
WHEREAS: A stated mission of the Affordable Housing Trust is the protection and the expansion of affordable housing opportunities; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Community Development to compile a list of single-family homes available on the market in Residential A1, A2, and B zones; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to draft zoning language with the intent to provide a provision for the conversion of these single-family homes into single-room occupancy units and/or co-ops; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Affordable Housing Trust to aggressively bid on these properties; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority and the Department of Housing and Community Development on what grants could be utilized to purchase these buildings; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to further confer with the Executive Director of Cambridge Housing Authority on the feasibility of providing project based housing vouchers for these units and compiling a list of non-profits that the Cambridge Housing Authority could rent to; and be it further
ORDERED: That this matter be referred to the Housing Committee.

O-7 Mar 26, 2018

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is a proud supporter of immigrants, including undocumented immigrants, and has been a Sanctuary City since 1985; and
WHEREAS: The Secretary of Homeland Security has recently ended the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Nicaragua, El Salvador, Haiti and Sudan with the same designations for Honduras, Yemen, Somalia and Nepal due to expire later this year; and
WHEREAS: TPS provides temporary, lawful, protected legal status to foreign nationals living and working in the United States from countries experiencing armed conflict, natural disasters or other extraordinary conditions that would safely prevent TPS recipients from returning safely to their home countries; and
WHEREAS: Congress needs to act to protect TPS recipients and their families from being torn apart; and
WHEREAS: Communities will be directly harmed by the removal of hundreds of thousands of long-term residents by being returned to countries that are unsafe and unprepared for them to be taken in; and
WHEREAS: The Attorney's General of the States of California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey,

New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and The District of Columbia have each signed on to a letter addressed to Congressional Leaders urging them to pass legislation to grant permanent legal status for TPS recipients; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of the Temporary Protected Status Visa program and the 19 Attorney's General letter asking Congressional Leaders to support legislation granting TPS recipients permanent legal status; 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 in Congress, including Senator Elizabeth Warren and Senator Ed Markey, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-8 Mar 26, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of the City-owned building located at the corner of 859 Massachusetts Avenue be named "Renae House" in honor of Renae Gray, long-time resident and community activist.

O-9 Mar 26, 2018

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Short-term rentals in Cambridge are currently regulated by the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to go into effect Apr 1, 2018; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge considers local regulation of short-term rentals essential to maintaining residential housing stock, stabilizing neighborhoods, and mitigating housing costs; and
WHEREAS: Proposed state legislation currently under consideration might impact the ability of Cambridge to regulate short-term rentals; and
WHEREAS: Proposed state legislation may limit the ability of municipalities to tax short-term rentals in a manner similar to taxes levied on hotels and motels, giving short-term rentals a potentially unfair market advantage; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in opposition to any legislation that would remove or limit the options of municipalities to pass local ordinances regulating short-term rentals to include accessing tax revenue similar to what is done with hotels and motels; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Cambridge State Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.