

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on COVID-19 vaccination rollout.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a Constable With Power for a term of three years, effective Jan 1, 2021: Timothy Puopolo.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to new appointments and reappointments of the following members of the Cambridge Public Planting Committee for a term of 2-years, effective Mar 1, 2021: New Appointments: Vinita Bhaskar, Ruth Loetterie, Tracy Orr, Ahron Lerman, Maria Hottelet, Belinda Tato, Cindy Carpenter, Jill Costello, Sandra Fairbank, Sara Cohen. Reappointments: Chantal Eide, Cynthia Smith, Maggie Booz, Michael Hanlon, Paula Cortes, Sophia Emperador, Seanna Berry and Joan Krizack.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,500,000, from Free Cash, to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account, to purchase and distribute standardized trash barrels to all residential buildings in the City's trash program.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$335,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account, to purchase and install Big Belly solar compactors on Cambridge Street between Inman Square and Lechmere Station.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-58, regarding a report on drafting an ordinance banning single use plastic items.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-23, regarding a report on implementing a curbside textile recycling program.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to request for approval to submit a Home Rule Petition that (1) would authorize the City of Cambridge ("City") to relocate land protected by Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution ("Article 97") at the Father Callanan Playground and Fields in Cambridge ("Callanan Field") that are adjacent to the Tobin Montessori and Vassal Lane Upper Schools (the "Site"), and (2) would authorize the City to construct subsurface geothermal wells under a portion of the Callanan Field.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO UTILIZE CERTAIN LAND USED FOR PARK, PLAYGROUND OR RECREATION USES FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING BUT

NOT LIMITED TO SCHOOL PURPOSES, AND FOR INSTALLATION OF SUBSURFACE GEOTHERMAL WELLS IN CERTAIN LAND USED FOR PARK, PLAYGROUND OR RECREATION USES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in the General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, and pursuant to Article 97 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth:

SECTION 1. The City of Cambridge is hereby authorized to use for general municipal uses, including but not limited to school purposes, and for all purposes incidental thereto, a portion of an area of land now owned by said City at the Father Callanan Playground and Fields, located at Concord Avenue near Alpine Street in Cambridge, Massachusetts, currently used for park, playground or recreational purposes, such portion consisting of an area of 10,640 square feet, more or less, as shown on the grey area denoted on the plan attached hereto as Exhibit "1."

SECTION 2. The City of Cambridge is hereby authorized to use for the installation and maintenance of subsurface geothermal wells a portion of an area at the same address now owned and held by the City for park, playground or recreational purposes upon the land denoted in the hatched green area, more or less, upon the plan attached hereto as Exhibit "2." The surface above such wells shall continue to be used for park, playground, or recreational purposes.

SECTION 3. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by majority vote of the City Council of said City, but not otherwise.

Agenda Item Number 8 Mar 29, 2021

ORDERED: That the City Council petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact the attached home rule petition entitled, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO UTILIZE CERTAIN LAND USED FOR PARK, PLAYGROUND OR RECREATION USES FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SCHOOL PURPOSES, AND FOR INSTALLATION OF SUBSURFACE GEOTHERMAL WELLS IN CERTAIN LAND USED FOR PARK, PLAYGROUND OR RECREATION USES.

ON THE TABLE

1. Vaccinating CPS Staff Plan PO. [TABLED IN COUNCIL FEB 3, 2021]
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-64, requesting Home Rule language to allow for acoustic live entertainment performances in small businesses under certain conditions without a license. [TABLED IN COUNCIL FEB 22, 2021]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-108, regarding a report on offering early voting in City Council and School Committee Elections. [PENDING RESPONSE FROM LEGISLATURE]
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Zoning Petition which amends Article 8.000 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL MAR 22, 2021]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Fun Antiques, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 33 Belmont Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding more money from the Cambridge City Council for destructive bureaucrats on the Charles River.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Jack Lonardelli. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Donna M. Pritchard. Councillor Toomey
3. Retirement of Sergeant Joseph A. DeSimone. Jr. from the Cambridge Police Department. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Toomey
4. Congratulations to Dr. Basu for Induction into the Grist 50. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department and other relevant City staff to coordinate efforts to formally recognize and promote National Black Business Month in August and Women's Small Business Month in October, and to report back to the City Council on these efforts in a timely manner. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon
2. That the Cambridge City Council go on record expressing its gratitude for Dr. West's time in Cambridge, its disappointment to see him leave the city, and wishing him the best of luck at Union Theological Seminary and in his future endeavors. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons
3. Budget Roundtable. Councillor Nolan

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor, Sumbul Siddiqui, communicating information from the School Committee.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting questions for the City Manager's COVID-19 update.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 1

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to continue a public hearing on the Green Roofs zoning petition. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 8

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Cambridge Missing Middle Housing Zoning Petition (Ordinance #2021-2). (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 14

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Retail Uses Zoning Recommendations – Refiled (Ordinance #2021-3) and the Home Occupations Zoning Recommendations - Refiled (Ordinance #2021-4) (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 29, 2021

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: August is [National Black Business Month](#), a period in which communities all across the country [seek to highlight, support, and lift up](#) their local Black-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS: Similarly, October is [Women's Small Business Month](#), a period in which communities all across the country seek to highlight, support, and lift up their local small businesses owned by women; and

WHEREAS: According to statistics cited in a [recent article on Next Door](#), Black-owned businesses "...account for 9.4 percent of all firms, which is still below the 13.1 percent Black or African American share of the U.S. adult population [while]...59% of Black-owned businesses are operated by women," and "...the COVID-19 outbreak disproportionately hurt minority businesses—with Black-owned businesses being especially disrupted [and a finding] that 41% of Black-owned businesses had been shuttered due the pandemic, a striking difference to the just 17% of white-owned businesses"; and

WHEREAS: According to statistics cited in a recent [Business.com article](#), "women own 42% of businesses in the United States, women-owned businesses generate \$1.9 trillion annually [and] women of color account for 50% of female business owners"; and

WHEREAS: In keeping with the City's efforts to lift up our local Black-owned businesses – [particularly as the entire local economy has taken a significant hit due to the Covid-19 pandemic](#) – it would be fitting for the City to fully embrace National Black Business Month, and it would be equally fitting for the City to fully embrace Women's Small Business Month; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department and other relevant City staff to coordinate efforts to formally recognize and promote National Black Business Month in August and Women's Small Business Month in October, and to report back to the City Council on these efforts in a timely manner.

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COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Dr. Cornel West has made significant contributions as a philosopher and public intellectual including in the study of race, class and religion in American society and [has been called](#) "the pre-eminent African-American intellectual of our generation" by the professor Henry Louis Gates Jr.; and

WHEREAS: Dr. West's books including [Race Matters](#), [Democracy Matters](#), [The American Evasion of Philosophy: A Genealogy of Pragmatism](#), and [Prophecy Deliverance!: An Afro-American Revolutionary Christianity](#) have been best sellers that have both influenced academic discourse and helped make that discourse accessible to the broader public; and

WHEREAS: For the past few years, Dr. West has been a Professor of the Practice of Public Philosophy at the Harvard Divinity School with joint appointments in the Department of African and African-

American Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at the university; and

WHEREAS: Harvard University has a [record](#) of not granting prominent academics of color tenure including Dr. West and Dr. Lorgia García Peña, which has been a source of frustration for students and faculty at Harvard and beyond; and

WHEREAS: Dr. West has announced he is finishing up his third stretch as a Cambridge resident—which includes his time as an undergraduate and professor at Harvard University—to become a professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York City; and

WHEREAS: During his time as a Cambridge resident, Dr. West has been generous with his time and participated in numerous local public events, including conversations hosted by the Cambridge Public Library on the history of [race and caste](#) and the [legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.](#); now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record expressing its gratitude for Dr. West's time in Cambridge, its disappointment to see him leave the city, and wishing him the best of luck at Union Theological Seminary and in his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Harvard University President Lawrence Bacow and Harvard Divinity School Dean David Hempton; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. Cornel West.

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COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the scheduling of meetings remains difficult; and

WHEREAS: The Council should find ways to communicate Council priorities and ideas for improving the city budget; and

WHEREAS: The Council and the city administration work best when there are opportunities for open communication; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor is requested to work with the Finance Committee chairs to schedule a roundtable meeting of the Council as soon as possible to discuss budget priorities for Fiscal Year 22.