

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a [recommendation from City Engineer Katherine Watkins](#), to eliminate and rename certain streets in the Northpoint/Cambridge Crossing area.
Agenda Item Number 1A Apr 1, 2019
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record accepting the recommendation of the City Engineer to change the name of North Street to Jacobs Street.
Agenda Item Number 1B Apr 1, 2019
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record accepting the recommendation of the City Engineer to change the name of Northpoint Boulevard (between cul-de-sac and Gilmore Bridge) to Morgan Avenue.
Agenda Item Number 1C Apr 1, 2019
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record accepting the recommendation of the City Engineer to change the name of Northpoint Boulevard (between Gilmore Bridge and Education Street) to Education Circle. This change extends Education Circle to the Gilmore Bridge.
Agenda Item Number 1D Apr 1, 2019
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record accepting the recommendation of the City Engineer to change the name of Dawes Street (between Water Street and Child Street) to Water Street. This change extends Water Street and eliminates one street name in the area.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-19, regarding a report on new tree plantings and trash receptacles in The Port.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$300,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account which will support the expansion of the curbside organics program to 13+ unit households in FY20 and be used for the purchase of collection bins and outreach efforts.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$180,000 in Virtual Net Metering (VNM) credits to the General Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account, for costs related to solar VNM agreements.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-06, regarding a report on outlining how a prolonged Federal Government shutdown may impact the people in Cambridge.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-61 regarding a report on commissioning a public art piece, statue or memorial that would commemorate the dedication of women in Cambridge to passing the Nineteenth Amendment.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-91, regarding a report on a plan to allow the Mayor's Annual Harvard Senior Luncheon to be held regardless of weather conditions.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to reappointments and new appointments of the following person as a member of the LGBTQ+ Commission effective Apr 1, 2019:
Reappointments: John Gintell (3 years), Steve Lee (3 years), Lesley Phillips (3 years), Silas Weiner (3 years) and new appointments: Michelle Zucker (3 years), Nefyn Meissner (3 years), Leo Benjamin Austin-Spooner (2 years) and Britt Huhmann (1 year)
9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the MetroNorth Regional Employment Board (MNREB) for \$81,775 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$49,065) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$32,710) which will be used to reimburse the City for salary costs associated with enrolling income-eligible youth in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program, and to support program costs for work sites taking large numbers of youth and developing worksites for youth participants.
10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Formula Grant in the amount of \$173,800 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$116,816), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$48,684), and to the Travel and Training account (\$8,300) which will be used to provide transportation for Cambridge seniors to medical appointments and weekly grocery shopping trips and will also support one part-time weekend coordinator position, an office aid, a meals assistant and several wellness/exercise instructors and group facilitators who provide services at the Citywide Senior Center.
11. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Shannon Grant received from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition/Shannon Community Safety Initiative through the Executive Office of Public Safety for \$15,042.07 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$13,824) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,218.07) which will be used to support the design and implementation of the City Peace program, a violence prevention peer leadership internship for teens through the Youth Centers.

12. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$70,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Human Service Programs Extraordinary Expenditures Account for the purchase of a new ADA accessible bus.
13. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-65, regarding organizing a Town Hall Meeting for Cambridge youth.
14. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-24, regarding pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Day Street and Massachusetts Avenue, and Awaiting Report 19-31, regarding general safety improvements at the intersection of Spring Street and Third Street.
15. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-133, regarding a report on raising the fines for blocking both loading zones and bike lanes to a comparable rate to Boston for the 2020 fiscal year.
16. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-12, regarding a report on legality and constitutionality of the proposed “Cambridge Publicly Financed Municipal Election Program” and the “Cambridge Municipal Election People’s Pledge”, and Awaiting Report Item Number 18-136 regarding a report on submitting a proposal that candidates would agree to not accept donations from persons outside of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. [[Legal Opinion](#)]
17. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-01, regarding a report on the recently adopted regulations of the short-term rental revenue and the necessary steps to impose and access the revenue from the excise and community impact fees. [[Legal Opinion](#)] [[Chart of Taxes](#)]
Agenda Item Number 17A Apr 1, 2019
ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G, Section 3D(a) to impose upon an operator of a short-term rental unit a community impact fee at the rate of three percent (3%) of the total amount of rent for each transfer of occupancy of a professionally managed unit, as that term is defined in G.L. c.64G, §1, that is located within the City, on or after July 1, 2019 for which a rental contract was entered into on or after Jan 1, 2019.
Agenda Item Number 17B Apr 1, 2019
ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G, Section 3D(b) to impose the community impact fee upon each transfer of occupancy of a short-term rental unit that is located within a two-family or three-family dwelling that includes the

operator’s primary residence, on or after July 1, 2019 for which a rental contract was entered into on or after Jan 1, 2019.

18. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request for approval to seek authorization from the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General (the “IG”) for the City to use the Construction Manager at Risk (“CMaR”) procurement and construction method (the “CMaR Method”) in connection with the Tobin Montessori and Vassal Lane Upper Schools Project.
Agenda Item Number 18 Apr 1, 2019
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record authorizing the City Manager to seek approval from the Office of the Inspector General to use the “Construction Manager-at-Risk” procurement and construction method in connection with the Tobin Montessori and Vassal Lane Upper Schools Project.
19. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the proposed Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance. [[Draft Ordinance](#)]

CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 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
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. 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.
5. 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

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APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Gregory Matteosian, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 14 Jackson 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 Ben Di Maggio, regarding supporting the Cycling Safety Ordinance.
2. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding "Little Guy's Parking Lot and Trees Destruction, Coming Magazine Beach Destruction, part 3."

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Joyce Eggleston. Councillor Simmons
2. Speedy recovery wishes to Esther Splain. Councillor Simmons
3. Resolution on the death of retired Cambridge Police Officer Edward "Eddie" Burke. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Charles Webb. Vice Mayor Devereux
5. Resolution on the death of Maria (Pinto) Henley. Councillor Toomey
6. Congratulations and wishes of success to the Professionisti Italani a Boston as well as its participants and sponsors on the upcoming "Italian Expo Day" to be held on Apr 6, 2019. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to televise and record the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee hearing scheduled for Wed, Apr 3, 2019 at 1:00pm. Vice Mayor Devereux
2. 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 "Leaf Blower Noise Control" for 5:30pm on Wed, May 1, 2019. Councillor Kelley
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate departments to provide more information and analysis as it relates to the 100% Affordable Housing Overlay District. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone
4. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City personnel to ensure that the Housing Committee hearing scheduled for Apr 25, 2019 be televised and livestreamed, to ensure that as many people as possible will

have the opportunity to view this hearing. Councillor Simmons

5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City, Department of Conservation and Recreation, and MassDOT staff, as well as with representatives of the communities through which the Minuteman Bikeway passes, to review infrastructure designs and investigate ways, to include speed limits, enforcement, striping, construction projects, signage and education efforts, to maximize safety for all users of these regional bike-related amenities. Councillor Kelley, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with City staff, to include the Cambridge Police Department and the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department staff, on how Cambridge enforces moped registration requirements and the enforcement numbers. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Toomey
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on what the plans are this construction season to install sidewalk markings that appropriately indicate what types of mobility devices are allowed on which sidewalks. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City departments regarding the types of vendor reporting programs that the City uses and how they are used as well as the ability to modify these programs given the constraints of relevant state and federal laws and similar limitations. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Siddiqui
9. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City personnel to ensure that the Housing Committee hearing scheduled for Apr 16, 2019 be televised and livestreamed. Councillor Simmons
10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to televise and record the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee hearing scheduled for Wed, Apr 10, 2019 at 4:00pm. Vice Mayor Devereux
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works as it relates to solutions to Rindge Avenue area waste disposal and rodent concerns. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone
12. That the City Council go on record in enthusiastic support of H.2865, "An Act to Establish a Net Zero Energy Stretch Code. Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone

HEARING SCHEDULE

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. THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED. (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)

Wed, Apr 10

4:00pm The Government Operations, Rules & Claims 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)

Tues, Apr 16

6:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussion on the Affordable Housing Overlay District, and this hearing shall be devoted entirely to Public Comment. (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)

Thurs, Apr 25

6:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussion on the Affordable Housing Overlay District and other related matters. (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 Apr 1, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will hold a hearing on Wed, Apr 3, 2019 at 1:00pm to discuss a petition submitted by the Cambridge Taxi Drivers and Owners Association and to discuss whether additional regulations on Transit Network Companies (TNC) could be implemented in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to televise and record the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee hearing scheduled for Wed, Apr 3, 2019 at 1:00pm.

O-2 Apr 1, 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 "Leaf Blower Noise Control" for 5:30pm on Wed, May 1, 2019, with no set ending time.

O-3 Apr 1, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Creating and preserving housing that is affordable to people with a broad range of incomes and household sizes throughout the city has been consistently identified as a top goal of the City Council; and

WHEREAS: The City Council is considering a zoning overlay that could make it easier to develop 100% affordable housing projects citywide; and

WHEREAS: The goals of the proposed zoning overlay are commendable, and more information is needed to fully inform the Council and members of the public on the potential implications of adopting such a zoning overlay; and

WHEREAS: Information is needed on the financial implications of the proposed zoning overlay, including (but not limited to) a detailed analysis of potential 100% affordable housing projects where affordable developers were outbid in the market and how an overlay might have given affordable developers a better chance of success, as well as any other expected per-unit cost reductions from the overlay approach; and

WHEREAS: Information is needed on the implications of the proposal on the City's housing stock, including (but not limited to) demolition of existing homes and potential displacement of their tenants (expected numbers per year), and the net number of affordable units and types (unit size and mix and FAR comparisons to existing zoning) of projects that will be created under the overlay per year; and

WHEREAS: Information is needed on the urban design guidelines/form-based zoning for the proposal, including (but not limited to) potential building massing and heights that would be allowed, examples of representative building and site designs under the currently proposed form-based zoning, and what the scale of potential buildings in relation to surrounding structures would be, by zoning district; and

WHEREAS: Information is needed on what changes the overlay would allow in designated historic and neighborhood conservation districts; and

WHEREAS: Information is needed on the environmental implications of the proposal, including (but not limited to) green space, open space, tree canopy, stormwater management, urban heat island considerations, flooding, and the potential for building to net zero standards; and

WHEREAS: Information is needed on the implications of the proposal for small businesses, including (but not limited to) risk of retail/commercial tenant displacement and opportunities to prevent it; and

WHEREAS: A number of ongoing task forces and planning initiatives will make recommendations on some of the aforementioned topics, including (but not limited to) the Envision Alewife District Plan, the Urban Forest Master Plan, the Climate Resilience Task Force, the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Tenant Displacement, the Mayor's Arts Task Force, and Envision Cambridge as a whole, including the other 174 recommendations that emerged from the 6 working groups; and

WHEREAS: Information and careful discussion of these identified areas will ultimately result in a stronger, more compelling proposal; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate departments to provide more information and analysis of the above points to the City Council as quickly as possible.

O-4 Apr 1, 2019

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: At 6:00pm on Apr 25, 2019, the Housing Committee shall hold a hearing, the call of which shall be "The Housing Committee shall continue discussions on the Affordable Housing Overlay District and other related matters," and there remains a high degree of public interest in being able to attend or view these hearings as they occur; and

WHEREAS: The most recent Housing Committee hearings that have furthered the discussion of the proposed Affordable Housing Overlay District have been televised and livestreamed, and it is in the public's interest to have this hearing likewise be televised and livestreamed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City personnel to ensure that the Housing Committee hearing scheduled for Apr 25, 2019 be televised and livestreamed, to ensure that as many people as possible will have the opportunity to view this hearing.

O-5 Apr 1, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: There was a bike-on-bike collision on the Minuteman Bikeway in Lexington on Mar 24, 2019 that left one rider dead, another hospitalized, traumatized witnesses and had, and will continue to have, horrible impacts on friends and family members of the victims; and

WHEREAS: The stretch of Bikeway where the collision took place is straight, flat, well drained and rather smoothly paved; and

WHEREAS: There is no official report yet on the cause of the collision; and

WHEREAS: The Minuteman Bikeway continues into Cambridge as Linear Park; and

WHEREAS: There are a number of other bike or multi-use paths in existence or being planned in Cambridge, to include the Grand Junction and the Dr. Paul Dudley White Bike Path, that may also pose hazards to users, including cyclists, under various conditions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City, Department of Conservation and Recreation, and MassDOT staff, as well as with representatives of the communities through which the Minuteman Bikeway passes, to review infrastructure designs and investigate ways, to include speed limits, enforcement, striping, construction projects, signage and education efforts, to maximize safety for all users of these regional bike-related amenities.

O-6 Apr 1, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Mopeds with a motor under 50 cubic centimeters are required to be registered with the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles and have the sticker visibly displayed; and

WHEREAS: Mopeds often have missing or expired registration stickers; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police Department issued 353 tickets for unregistered motor vehicles and 16 tickets for missing registration stickers in 2018, but it is unclear if non-motor vehicle registration violations are included in either of those numbers or if they are tracked elsewhere; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with City staff, to include the Cambridge Police Department and the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department staff, on how Cambridge enforces moped registration requirements and what the enforcement numbers are; and be it further

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

O-7 Apr 1, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Cambridge has many mobility devices in use on its streets and sidewalks, including bikes, scooters, one-wheels, skateboards, among others, many of which are available in human and electric powered formats; and

WHEREAS: The City has online maps of business districts and other areas where sidewalk biking is not permitted, but a website is often not the best place for people in transit to reference, and bicycles are not the only personalized transport devices used today; and

WHEREAS: It is often not clear to travelers which devices are allowed in which parts of the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS: Wheelchairs and other mobility devices are often treated as pedestrians under State law and per ADA requirements; and

WHEREAS: Sidewalk and street stenciling can only be done under certain weather conditions during the warmer months; and

WHEREAS: Managing the safety of all users of our streets and sidewalks, to include education and enforcement efforts, is helped when allowed and disallowed uses are clearly known to all users; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on what the plans are this construction season to install sidewalk markings that appropriately indicate what types of mobility devices are allowed on which sidewalks.

O-8 Apr 1, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge manages many enforcement and administrative programs such as Cambridge Police Department crash reporting and Parking Control Officer ticketing through vendor-supplied software platforms; and

WHEREAS: The ability of City staff to alter or customize these programs to reflect changing or emerging Cambridge-specific needs and concerns is not clearly understood by the City Council; and

WHEREAS: More effective policy making in areas such as transportation and parking enforcement and planning requires a better understanding of what abilities the City has to change and manage its various information collecting reporting systems; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on:

1. The types of vendor reporting programs that the City uses and how they are used
2. The ability of the City, either through the vendor or through in-house staff, to modify these programs given the constraints of relevant state and federal laws and similar limitations

O-9 Apr 1, 2019

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: At 6:00pm on Apr 16, 2019, the Housing Committee shall hold a hearing, the call of which shall be "The Housing Committee shall continue discussions on the Affordable Housing Overlay District, and this hearing shall be devoted entirely to Public Comment;" and

WHEREAS: The most recent Housing Committee hearings that have furthered the discussion of the proposed Affordable Housing Overlay District have been televised and livestreamed, and it is in the public's interest to have this hearing likewise be televised and livestreamed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City personnel to ensure that the Housing Committee hearing scheduled for Apr 16, 2019 be televised and livestreamed, to ensure that as many people as possible will have the opportunity to view this hearing.

O-10 Apr 1, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will hold a hearing on Wed, Apr 10, 2019 at 4:00pm 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 in City elections to 16 years old; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to televise and record the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee hearing scheduled for Wed, Apr 10, 2019 at 4:00pm.

O-11 Apr 1, 2019

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: At the Oct 18, 2018 meeting of the Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning Committee, a motion was passed requesting that the City Manager work with the Department of Public Works and the Department of Conservation and Recreation to "monitor the site and area surrounding Jerry's Pond, ensuring that frequent trash removal and other such measures are taken to maintain a clean and inviting area"; and

WHEREAS: The motion also requested that the City Manager work with "other city and state agencies as necessary to improve the surrounding publicly owned properties through landscape design and other measures" with the intention of making them "more accessible and inviting to the community"; and

WHEREAS: Rindge Avenue area residents have since complained of a lack of sufficient waste receptacles in the area generally, and urged that the Department of Public Works replace the outdated, blue bins with newer, "big belly" bins, such as those replaced on Huron Avenue; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works has been attentive to these concerns, having recently installed new trash receptacles around Comeau Field; and

WHEREAS: More recently, residents reported concern over excessive dumping of domestic rubbish in the existing public waste bins, specifically near Comeau Field's 83 Bus Shelter [see attached Photos 1 and 2], and disturbing levels of rodent activity in the surrounding parking lots and children's play area; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works has added the Rindge Avenue and Comeau Park area to its nightly cleanup route, it remains unclear whether installing "big belly" receptacles--such as those implemented around Comeau Field [see attached Photo 3] -- at the 83 Bus Shelter would serve to mitigate the issue of domestic waste dumping, different options exist that may more effectively address; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to investigate:

1. Additional options for effectively addressing the excessive rubbish issue at the 83 Bus Shelter and surrounding Rindge Avenue/Comeau Field area, including the inappropriate disposal of domestic waste; and
2. Appropriate solutions to the public and environmental health and safety issues of inadequate trash and recycling disposal and persistent rodent activity in the Rindge Avenue area; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter as soon as possible.

O-12 Apr 1, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: In 2009, Massachusetts became the first state in the nation to adopt an above-code appendix to the "base code" for building energy requirements, commonly referred to as the "stretch code"; and

WHEREAS: The "stretch code", which municipalities may optionally choose to adopt, is designed to result in cost-effective construction that is more energy efficient than that which is built to the mandatory "base code" standards; and

WHEREAS: Requirements in the "stretch code" were considerably stronger than those in the "base code" when first adopted, but the "base code" has caught up over time as the "stretch code" has not changed significantly; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Board of Building Regulation and Standards (BBRS) will vote on adjustments to the "base code" this year, and the board has an opportunity to significantly improve the "stretch code" as part of that process to include Net Zero building construction, something many municipalities are already experimenting with, including Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Net Zero Action Plan adopted by the Cambridge City Council in 2015 is an important component of our Climate Action Plan, since building energy use is responsible for the vast majority of our emissions that cause climate change; and

WHEREAS: While Cambridge has been able to voluntarily construct net zero buildings, and some private developers have been experimenting with net zero concepts, imposing net zero requirements as outlined in the Net Zero Action Plan will be made much simpler if the state adopts a net zero stretch energy code that Cambridge could subsequently adopt; and

WHEREAS: H.2865, "An Act to Establish a Net Zero Energy Stretch Code", would establish a net zero energy stretch code through the legislature; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in urging the BBRS to update the "stretch code" to require net zero building construction; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in enthusiastic support of H.2865, "An Act to Establish a Net Zero Energy Stretch Code"; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Richard Crowley, Chair of BBRS, Governor Charlie Baker, Energy Secretary Matthew Beaton, as well as all members of Cambridge's State House Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.