

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Homeless Youth Count grant funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$750.00) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$4,250.00) which will be used for costs related to conducting a count and survey of unaccompanied homeless youth in partnership with youth service providers (Youth on Fire, Y2Y Harvard Square, Bridge Over Troubled Waters) between Apr 23-May 13, 2018.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of funds of the HUD Planning Grant from the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account which will facilitate staff attendance at the national Housing First Partners conference and an unanticipated HUD mandated Rapid Rehousing conference.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of funds of the HUD HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) Grant from the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account in the amount of \$1,163.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to help support the ongoing development of our HMIS system.
4. 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 the first day of January, 2018: Charles Durrah.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board as a Cambridge representative effective Apr 9, 2018 for a term to expire on June 30, 2020: Dr. Susanne A. Martz.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) through the City of Boston's Office of Emergency Management for \$9,495.00 to the Public Investment Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account for the installation of infrastructure enhancement projects at various sites.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) through the City of Boston's Office of Emergency Management for \$62,500.00 to the Public Investment Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account for the ongoing installation of infrastructure enhancement projects at various sites.

8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety, Department of Fire Services for \$187,500 to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used for hazmat responders' personal protective equipment including replacement and additions to level A entry suits, Class 2 WMD suits and respiratory protection.
9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Homeland Security Grant from the City of Boston for \$21,194.08 to the Grant Fund Fire Salary and Wages account which is a reimbursement for trainings performed in conjunction with the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI).
10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-33, regarding a report on whether or not Chapter 4.25 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance applies to the Inman Square redesign project and therefore whether or not a report should be made to the Planning Board.
11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-35, regarding applying to designate certain census tracts as Opportunity Zones.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Morris Naggar, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 585 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding adding information the City Council Agenda.
2. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding Central Square Overlay District.
3. A communication was received from Milan Vit, 1 Craigie Street, regarding gas powered blowers.
4. A communication was received from Andrew McFarland, regarding livable Streets.
5. A communication was received from Wendy Landman, WalkBoston, regarding support for Central Square Super LPI.
6. A communication was received from Tracy Walton, regarding bicycling in Cambridge.
7. A communication was received from Annie Michaelis, 175 Richdale Avenue, regarding opposition to the proposed moratorium on development at Alewife.

8. A communication was received from Sara Sigel, regarding no to Alewife moratorium on development.
9. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding protecting the environment.
10. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding Planning Board members.
11. A communication was received from Joan Squeri, regarding opposition of the moratorium on development at Alewife.
12. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, 16 Cottage Street, regarding Upgrade Cambridge calls for universal access to a neutral internet.
13. A communication was received from Ira Nichols-Barrer, 175 Richdale Avenue, regarding opposing a moratorium on Alewife development.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the City Council welcome representatives of Equipo Maíz, CRIPDES, and US-El Salvador Sister Cities to Cambridge and salutes these organizations for over three decades of sisterhood, solidarity and struggle for the empowerment of the rural communities. Mayor McGovern
2. Congratulations to Deputy Superintendent Rob Lowe on his recent graduation from the FBI National Academy program. Councillor Zondervan
3. Resolution on the death of John "Jackie" Graham. Councillor Toomey
4. Congratulations Dr. Maria McCauley on her election to the American Library Association Executive Board. Councillor Mallon
5. Congratulations Laura Jasinski on her appointment as Executive Director of the Charles River Conservancy. Councillor Mallon
6. Celebration of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and thanks to the men and women who give their time to this vital role as the first, first responders to every emergency. Mayor McGovern
7. Resolution on the death of Reginald M. Campese. Councillor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of Augusto Andrade. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of Reverend Dennis Dever. Councillor Toomey
10. Congratulations to the cast and crew of the North Cambridge Family Opera Company on the production of Weedpatch: Hardship, Laughter, and Song in Dustbowl-era California. Councillor Siddiqui
11. Retirement of Diane Bongiorno from the Community Development Department. Councillor Toomey
12. Congratulations to the cast and crew of The CRLS Spring Play, The Light She Gave. Councillor Siddiqui
13. Speedy recovery wishes to Lenora Pedro. Councillor Siddiqui

14. Congratulations to Peter Smillie on the successful defense of his PhD thesis. Councillor Siddiqui
15. Resolution on the death of Reverend John Francis O'Donnell. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Council proclaim Apr 2-8, 2018 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. Mayor McGovern
2. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee for a sign dedication in honor of Rosalind O'Sullivan in the vicinity of the Fletcher Maynard Academy. Councillor Mallon
3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City personnel to place a commemorative plaque at eye-level at the plaza in Harvard Square dedicated to former judge, Mayor, and City Manager Joseph DeGuglielmo so that it is more prominent to pedestrians. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Council encourage residents to be more conscious of their water consumption during the month of April, to take steps to reduce storm water runoff on their own property, to prevent polluted runoff from entering our water system, and to find time to engage with our natural areas. Mayor McGovern, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan
5. City Council support of House Bill 3857, "An Act providing tax relief for rent-burdened individuals and families." Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui
6. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Law Department, Community Development Department and any other appropriate City departments regarding the feasibility of requiring property owners to give the City written notice when a storefront becomes vacant, including plans for finding a new tenant and keeping the premises tidy and in compliance with all applicable codes to mitigate any negative effects or safety concerns on the neighborhood. Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Mallon
7. City Council support of S. 2347, "An Act to protect animal welfare and safety in cities and towns (PAWS II)." Mayor McGovern
8. That the City Manager is requested to notify the owners of the former Harvard Square Theater that the City Council has requested that they provide a firm schedule for when they will submit their application to the Cambridge Historical Commission and begin the public engagement process along with a projected timeline for the rest of the process through completion of the project, once the necessary permits are granted. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone
9. That the City Council go on record in opposition to the oppressive policies of Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia

Mohammed bin Salman (MbS) and Saudi Arabia.
Councillor Zondervan

10. City Council support of Massachusetts Resolve H. 4159:
“Resolve creating a task force on sexual misconduct climate
surveys for colleges and universities in Massachusetts.”
Councillor Mallon, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor
Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons

11. That the City Manager is requested to work with Trinity
Property Management to give the nearly 200 tenants of the
EMF building additional time beyond Apr 30, 2018 to find
new space, considering the unique circumstances and
outsized impact of this eviction. Councillor Zondervan,
Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone

12. That the City Manager is requested to allow autonomous
vehicle (AV) testing in Cambridge provided certain
conditions are met. Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor
Devereux

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor Craig
Kelley, transmitting information on the use of a Councillor
Activity and Interest Board.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Apr 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 5

3:00pm The City Council will hold a Special Meeting, to
discuss policy and regulatory considerations related to the
opening of cannabis adult-use retail stores and businesses in
Cambridge. This meeting will be televised. (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. This meeting will be televised. (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)

Thurs, Apr 12

4:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public
hearing to review the Mayor’s Special Advisory Committee
on Neighborhood Based Resiliency. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 17

2:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public
hearing to discuss a proposed surveillance ordinance.
(Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting & Budget Overview (Sullivan
Chamber)

Wed, Apr 25

4:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public
hearing to discuss marijuana laws, education and
enforcement. (Ackermann Room)

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 Apr 2, 2018

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that National Public Health Week is celebrated across the country from Apr 2–8 with an ongoing focus on making the United States the healthiest nation in one generation; and

WHEREAS: All people deserve the opportunity to live long, healthy and productive lives, but 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—when Cambridge received the inaugural Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize in 2013, the city became part of a national movement to change how communities think about health; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has moved toward a model in which local government and the community are genuine partners in improving health; this spirit of collaboration is evidenced in the city’s Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), now in its third year of implementation, in which people from many different sectors came together to develop strategies to identify the city’s major health needs and develop feasible solutions; and

WHEREAS: Over 30 city agencies and organizations are making tangible progress in the four CHIP health priority areas for the city: mental health and substance abuse; violence; healthy, safe, and affordable housing; and healthy eating and active living; and

WHEREAS: Despite the challenges ahead, Cambridge will continue to make significant inroads in improving the health and well-being of all residents; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record as proclaiming Apr 2–8, 2018, 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-Alix Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer at the Cambridge Public Health Department, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Apr 2, 2018

COUNCILLOR MALLON

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Alanna Mallon for a sign dedication in honor of Rosalind O’Sullivan in the vicinity of the Fletcher Maynard Academy; 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-3 Apr 2, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City personnel to place a commemorative plaque at eye-level at the plaza in Harvard Square dedicated to former judge, Mayor, and City Manager Joseph DeGuglielmo so that it is more prominent to pedestrians, and to report back on this matter to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-4 Apr 2, 2018

MAYOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge continues to explore ways to conserve water consumption in the City, promote green infrastructure, and inspire residents to connect with and care for our natural resources; and

WHEREAS: The month of April is designated as Earth Month, with environmental activities and educational efforts taking place throughout the month to encourage responsible consumption, conservation efforts, and resilient planning; and

WHEREAS: In addition to those other ongoing efforts, Cambridge is joining cities across the country in the Wyland Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation, Apr 1-30, which aims to inspire residents and neighboring communities to pledge to reduce their impact on the environment and to see immediate savings in their water, trash, and electricity bills; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record encouraging residents to be more conscious of their water consumption during the month of April, to take steps to reduce storm water runoff on their own property, to prevent polluted runoff from entering our water system, and to find time to engage with our natural areas.

O-5 Apr 2, 2018

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: House Bill 3857 entitled “An Act Providing Tax Relief for Rent-Burdened Individuals and Families”; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge representatives Marjorie Decker and David Rogers are sponsors of the house bill; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 3857 was reported favorably out of the House Revenue Committee and currently sits in the House Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts taxpayers may currently claim an income tax deduction for rent paid in a year, but the deduction amount has not been increased since 2001; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 3857 increases the deduction amount by adjusting for inflation, restricts eligibility to taxpayers

who earn no more than 100% of the Area Median Income (AMI), and indexes the deduction to inflation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of House Bill 3857, “An Act Providing Tax Relief for Rent-Burdened Individuals and Families”; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this order to the Cambridge State Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

HOUSE No. 3857
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Aug 3, 2017.

The committee on Revenue to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1535) of Kevin G. Honan and others relative to the tax deduction for rental payments, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3857) ought to pass [Representative Durant of Spencer dissents].

For the committee,
JAY R. KAUFMAN.

FILED ON: 7/27/2017
HOUSE No. 3857
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

An Act providing tax relief for rent-burdened individuals and families.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a) of Part B of section 3 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subparagraph (9) and inserting in place thereof the following subparagraph:-
(9) In the case of an individual who pays rent for his principal place of residence and such residence is located in the commonwealth, an amount equal to 50 per cent of such rent; provided, however, that such deduction shall not exceed \$4,100 for a single person, for a person that qualifies as a head of household under section 2(b) of the Code, or for a married couple, increased by an amount equal to the deduction limit multiplied by the cost-of-living adjustment for the calendar year in which the taxable year begins; provided further, that the household income of eligible taxpayers shall not exceed 100 per cent of the area median income, as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term “cost-of-living adjustment” means, for any calendar year, the percentage, if any, by which the consumer price index for the preceding calendar year exceeds the consumer price index, as defined in section 1 of the Code, for calendar year 2017. The commissioner shall

adopt regulations necessary for the implementation of this subparagraph.

SECTION 2. This act shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after Jan 1, 2018.

O-6 Apr 2, 2018
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: Vacant or unoccupied first floor retail is detrimental to the City’s goals of supporting thriving retail districts and visibly inhibits the feeling of an activated streetscape; and

WHEREAS: Storefronts left in disarray have a negative impact on the neighborhood, other businesses in the area, and on the sidewalk/public space in front of the vacant or unoccupied property; and

WHEREAS: Various business associations and members of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee are in agreement that addressing the outward appearance of vacant and/or unoccupied storefronts is a necessary step towards activating our streets and mitigating the negative impact of properties left empty; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Law Department, Community Development Department and any other appropriate City departments regarding the feasibility of requiring property owners to give the City written notice when a storefront becomes vacant, including plans for finding a new tenant and keeping the premises tidy and in compliance with all applicable codes to mitigate any negative effects or safety concerns on the neighborhood; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Economic Development and University Relations Committee in a timely manner with recommendations.

O-7 Apr 2, 2018
MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts State Senate passed S. 2347, “An Act to Protect Animal Welfare and Safety in Cities and Towns (PAWS II),” by a unanimous vote on Mar 15, 2018, and was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS: PAWS II expands protections for animal safety and welfare enacted in 2014, and includes provisions to ensure efficient enforcement of animal control laws; prohibit the drowning of wild and domestic animals; and prevent the automatic killing of animals used in fighting; and

WHEREAS: Crucially, PAWS II recognizes the link between animal abuse and other types of violence and abuse, and requires Department of Children and Families employees or contractors, the Department of Elder Affairs investigators, and Disabled Persons Protection Commission investigators to report animal abuse during their home visits, and inversely, all animal control officers to report any child

abuse, elder abuse, and abuse against disabled persons that they observe; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support for S. 2347, “An Act to Protect Animal Welfare and Safety in Cities and Towns,” and encourages the House Ways and Means Committee to make timely progress in bringing this bill to a vote; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the members of Cambridge’s Legislative Delegation and the members of the House Ways and Means Committee on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-8 Apr 2, 2018

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The City Council adopted a [Policy Order on Feb 27, 2017](#), asking that the City Manager contact the owners of the Harvard Square Theater property and requesting that they respond with their long-term plans for the property; and

WHEREAS: The [City Manager responded on Aug 7, 2017](#), and reported that the owners had announced their conceptual plans for the space on May 31, 2017, at a by-invitation event, where they indicated that the existing building would be demolished and replaced with a new structure that would include office space, a central courtyard, ground floor retail and a two-screen movie theater in the lower level; and

WHEREAS: No further information has been made available, and it has been ten months since this conceptual plan was presented and almost six years since the theater was vacated, with the large empty space negatively affecting the other businesses around Church Street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify the owners of the former Harvard Square Theater that the City Council has requested that they provide a firm schedule for when they will submit their application to the Cambridge Historical Commission and begin the public engagement process along with a projected timeline for the rest of the process through completion of the project, once the necessary permits are granted; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as soon as possible with the property owner’s response to this request and with any available information about the projected timeline for this project and any other factors to consider in planning for the project’s impact on this portion of Harvard Square.

O-9 Apr 2, 2018

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman (MbS), recently [came to Cambridge](#) in order to visit the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Harvard University as part of a national tour of the country; and

WHEREAS: According to a [press release](#) from the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, the visit was focused on

“nurturing ties between the private sector and academia of the two nations”; and

WHEREAS: MbS rose to power through incredibly undemocratic means [which included](#) the detainment of more than 200 princes, ministers, and businessmen as well as prominent scholars and critics; and

WHEREAS: MbS is considered the architect of Saudi Arabia’s intervention in the Yemeni Civil War, which has resulted in one of the largest humanitarian crises on the entire planet; and

WHEREAS: Saudi Arabia is one of the most repressive regimes in the Middle East, particularly towards women and religious minorities, and while MbS has introduced some minor reforms (e.g. [allowing women to drive](#)), he has not shown any intentions to truly liberate the country; and

WHEREAS: Saudi Arabia continues to rely on selling oil as the basis for its economy, despite the clear and present danger of climate change to the entire planet, and uses the wealth it derives from oil sales to purchase weapons and wage war; and

WHEREAS: MIT and Harvard University typically allow for more dialogue and discussion when controversial figures come to campus, yet MbS’s visit was shrouded in an unusual level of secrecy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in opposition to the oppressive policies of MbS and Saudi Arabia; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record stating its disappointment at the manner in which the visit was handled by Harvard and MIT; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the President of Harvard University, the President of MIT, and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-10 Apr 2, 2018

COUNCILLOR MALLON

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Sexual assault on college and university campuses is an epidemic that affects 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men; and

WHEREAS: Despite these large numbers, sexual assault remains one of the most widely underreported crimes, with estimates that only 10% of victims will ever report to authorities; and

WHEREAS: This underreporting and lack of knowledge is its own policy problem, which prompted the creation of a 2014 White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault, which recommended that colleges and universities implement a Campus Climate Survey as a first step to gather information and concrete data about this problem; and

WHEREAS: An anonymous climate survey would be particularly helpful in viewing both statewide and campus specific trends over time, identifying areas in which schools

could provide more resources, and giving survivors and their allies a confidential but powerful platform to speak about their experiences; and

WHEREAS: This legislative term, Representative Lori Ehrlich re-introduced Massachusetts Resolve H.4159, “Resolve creating a task force on sexual misconduct climate surveys for colleges and universities in Massachusetts”; and

WHEREAS: Representative Ehrlich was joined by 20 co-sponsors, including members of the Cambridge delegation Representatives Marjorie Decker and David Rogers; and

WHEREAS: The Bill currently sits in the House Ways and Means Committee after being voted favorably out of the Joint Committee on Higher Education; and

WHEREAS: In support of this bill, students and alumni from over 17 different campuses have formed an organization called Every Voice Coalition, which has collected signatures in support of the bill from over 4,000 Massachusetts college students; and

WHEREAS: On a national level, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos’s rollback of the Obama Administration’s Title IX protections relating to the prevention of assault and support of survivors prompts a need for state involvement; and

WHEREAS: As home to three institutions of higher education, the City of Cambridge should be supportive of any steps taken that either improve a survivor’s experience in the reporting process or prevent sexual assault altogether; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of Massachusetts Resolve H.4159, “Resolve creating a task force on sexual misconduct climate surveys for colleges and universities in Massachusetts”; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation, Ways and Means Chairman Jeffrey Sanchez, and Every Voice Coalition on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-11 Apr 2, 2018
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The building located at [110-120 Brookline St in Cambridgeport](#) (the so-called “EMF” building) was recently purchased by [Ledgemoor, LLC](#) and is managed by [Trinity Property Management, Inc.](#) (Trinity), both owned and operated by John DiGiovanni; and

WHEREAS: Trinity has given all current tenants of the building an eviction notice, effective Apr 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS: The building is currently used as a multipurpose arts space by nearly 200 different artists, encompassing many different uses including practice and performance space for both amateur and professional musicians, recording studios, mixing and mastering studios, an arts studio, music lessons, and the “Gifted Voice” program which aims to give free voice lessons to underprivileged youth to help them realize their full potential; and

WHEREAS: Tenants were initially told that safety concerns were behind the evictions, yet the Cambridge Fire Department has confirmed that there are no fire code violations currently issued and the Inspectional Services Department has not issued any violations or expressed any concerns about the building being occupied that would necessitate an eviction; and

WHEREAS: Artist spaces require special configurations in order to comply with local noise ordinances and other regulations, and it is challenging for the displaced artists to find new space which adequately complies and meets the needs of their craft on such short notice, thereby jeopardizing their careers and their livelihood; and

WHEREAS: The EMF building has long been considered a treasure within the region’s arts community and was the only building of its kind and versatility remaining within Cambridge city limits; and

WHEREAS: Nearby Central Square is one of just 43 designated arts and cultural districts in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: Many of the displaced artists are having to consider options outside of Cambridge, thereby jeopardizing our community’s standing as a welcoming place for artists and the resulting economic, cultural and financial benefits that accrue to our city from a thriving artist community; and

WHEREAS: Community accountability should be a priority of developers and property management companies who routinely conduct business within city limits; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with Trinity Property Management to give the nearly 200 tenants of the EMF building additional time beyond Apr 30, 2018 to find new space, considering the unique circumstances and outsized impact of this eviction; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to assist the displaced tenants in locating alternative spaces in or near Central Square, to the extent that staff are aware of any potential alternatives; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager direct the Community Development Department staff to identify and aggressively pursue opportunities to create and preserve artist spaces, including (but not limited to) the current site of the MIT Museum, the vacant city-owned building at [105 Windsor Street, 884 Main St.](#) owned by MIT, or any other such opportunities that may become available in the future; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter no later than Apr 23, 2018.

O-12 Apr 2, 2018

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that City officials are considering permitting autonomous vehicle (AV), aka “self-driving cars” testing on city streets; and

WHEREAS: A pedestrian in Arizona was killed by an AV operated by Uber on Mar 18, 2018, the first such fatality on record; and

WHEREAS: Preliminary information suggests that Uber was testing the modified Volvo with its built-in safety features turned off, and with only a single test driver who appears to have been distracted just prior to the crash; and

WHEREAS: Waymo, nuTonomy, Optimus Ride and Delphi (renamed Aptiv), have lodged millions of miles of AV testing in cities across the world, including Boston, with a stellar safety record; and

WHEREAS: Recent traffic fatality data indicates that the fatality rate [has increased](#) in recent years despite a decline in vehicle ownership and significant improvements in vehicle safety technology including collision avoidance, automatic braking, and adaptive cruise control; and

WHEREAS: There are no clear federal or state guidelines for allowing AV testing on public roads; and

WHEREAS: There is considerable potential to reduce pedestrian and bicycle collisions and fatalities through the use of AV technology; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to allow AV testing in Cambridge, provided the following conditions are met:

- There shall be two test drivers per vehicle at all times
- Vehicles will obey all posted and specified speed limits at all times, including the recently enacted 20 MPH safety zones
- Companies will submit all data collected in Cambridge upon request, including but not limited to: video, LIDAR, radar and other sensor data, route travelled, average speed, deceleration and acceleration events, and any other data that could help us evaluate their safety and suitability for continued testing in Cambridge
- Companies will submit a written statement outlining off-road testing conducted to date and full description of safety-features of the vehicles being tested, including collision avoidance and automatic braking, as well as full description of test driver qualifications and training; and be it further

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