

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the FY2020 submitted budget and appropriation orders.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$800,000 to provide funds for various Schools for repairs to entrance doors, upgrade of energy management software, replacement of analog phone system with the voice over internet protocol (VOIP), and the replacement of an emergency generator.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$22,000,000 to provide funds for the construction of improvements at the Fire Station Headquarters Building located at 491 Broadway.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,000,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of various City streets and sidewalks.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$20,500,000 to provide funds for various water pollution abatement projects, including construction of sewer separation, storm water management and combined sewer overflow reduction elimination improvements within the Alewife area.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,000,000 to provide design and construction of Eliot Street between JFK St. and Brattle St. which is a continuation of the Harvard Square Kiosk and Plaza and Surface Enhancement project.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$10,000,000 to provide funds for the construction of improvements at City Hall.
8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,000,000 to provide funds for the Municipal Facilities Improvement Plan.
9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$10,000,000 to provide funds for the design and reconstruction of the Tobin School building. If approved, this appropriation will be included in the City's FY20 bond issue.
10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$480,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits Salaries and Wages (Insurance) account to the General Fund Law Department Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover costs associated with a worker's compensation lump sum settlement.
11. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits Salary and Wages account (Insurance) to the Travel and Training account (Judgments and Damages) to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for personnel injured in performance of their duties.
12. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of 2016 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funding for \$21,000 received pursuant to the MOA between the City of Boston and the City of Cambridge, under the Communications Interoperability Goal Area, to the Public Investment Emergency Communications Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$21,000) which will be used for Radio Equipment relocations as well as the specifications contained within FEMA's Records of Environmental Consideration Report regarding Environmental and Historic Preservation.
13. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Grand Junction Multiuse Path Design Project Working Group: Joseph Aiello, Rebecca Bowie, Christopher Cassa, Carlone Lowenthal, Bill McAvinney, Sarabrent McCoy, Miguel Perez-Luna, Jose-Luis Rojas, Dalila Salcedo, Katrina Sousa, Florence Toussaint, Jason Alves, Nicholas Dard, Tom Evans, Amy Flax, Kathryn Lachelt Brown, Tony Lechuga, Brad Pillen, Michelle Lower, Diana Prideaux-Brune, Robert Ricchi and John Sanzone.
14. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-90, requesting that the City install a crosswalk across Western Avenue at Soden Street.
15. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-122, requesting Traffic, Parking, and Transportation explore the possibility of posting a "No Trucks" sign on Hancock Street south of Massachusetts Avenue.
16. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-9, requesting that the City determine what facilities, parking changes, and other improvements to the pavement conditions are possible to make Cambridge's stretch of Webster Avenue a complete street.
17. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt the City Council Zoning Petition to amend Section 4.22 "Accessory Apartments," following further staff review and improvements to petition language.

18. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 18-144 regarding a report on eviction data, and 19-10, regarding a report sharing information to assist in analyzing displacement.
19. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-127, regarding draft zoning for urban farming; Awaiting Report Item Number 19-23, regarding allowing lodging houses in Residential A1, A2 and B Zoning Districts; and Awaiting Report Item Number 19-28, regarding a timetable for updating retail and small business components of the zoning table of uses.
20. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-37, regarding the possibility of expanding the City of Boston's intergenerational housing pilot to Cambridge.
21. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Central Square Business Improvement District (BID).

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a memorandum regarding the update on the search process to hire a new City Clerk to replace Donna Lopez when she retires.

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 transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the proposed Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance. [ON OR AFTER APR 22, 2019 THE QUESTION COMES ON PASSAGE TO BE ORDAINED]
6. 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 Mar 27,

2019 to discuss a zoning petition filed by Melissa and Christopher Grippo et al to amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding at the end of section 5.30.11 a sentence that reads: "notwithstanding the foregoing, in Industry B District, a hotel use (Section 4.31.2) shall be governed by the section number (4.0) for purposes of determining the maximum ratio of floor area to lot area." [ON OR AFTER APR 29, 2019 THE QUESTION COMES ON PASSAGE TO BE ORDAINED]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Niall Hanley, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 60 Porter Road; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.
2. A petition was filed by Kenneth S. Barron, 614 Massachusetts Avenue, et al property owners, pursuant to MGL Chapter 400, petitioning that a Business Improvement District (BID) be established for the Central Square Business Improvement District.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Jon Kiparsky, regarding the Cycling Safety Ordinance.
2. A communication was received from Arthur Strang, regarding the Outdoor Lighting Ordinance.
3. A communication was received from Ladan Khamsi, 29 Otis Street, expressing support for the redevelopment of the Courthouse building on 40 Thorndike Street by Leggat McCall Properties.
4. A communication was received from Suzanne Preston Blier, 5 Fuller Place, regarding Committee Report #3 on the Housing Committee meeting on the 100% Affordable Housing Overlay.
5. A communication was received from Gavin Lund, regarding several items from the April 8 City Council Agenda.
6. A communication was received from Nicolai Cauchy, regarding expropriating large real estate trusts and developers.
7. A communication was received from Kevin Guiney, regarding protected bike lanes in Porter and Mass. Ave.
8. A communication was received from Rosalie Anders, 154 Auburn Street, in support of the affordable housing overlay.
9. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding recognizing American Muslims' history and contributions to our Nation.
10. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding Ramadan & Eid in North America.

11. Sundry communications received expressing appreciation to the City Council for passing the Cycling Safety Ordinance.
12. A communication was received from Phil Rinehart, 17 Otis Street, regarding expression of support Middlesex County Courthouse redevelopment proposal.
13. A communication was received from George Sommer, 29 Otis Street, regarding Sullivan Courthouse development.
14. A communication was received from Carol Collura, Reservoir Street, regarding deep concern about the proposed Zoning Overlay.
15. A communication was received from Kevin Guiney, regarding request for bike lines in Porter and Massachusetts Ave.
16. A communication was received from George Sommer, 29 Otis Street, regarding Sullivan Courthouse development.
17. A communication was received from Phil Rinehart, 17 Otis Street, regarding support for Middlesex County Court house redevelopment proposal.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Terry and Lara Hayes on their newborn son, Brendan Kai Hayes. Councillor Simmons
2. Congratulations to the Event Horizon Telescope Collaborators on the occasion of their achievement of producing the first-ever image of a black hole. Councillor Zondervan
3. Congratulations to Sarah Mae Berman on the 50th Anniversary of her Marathon victory. Councillor Zondervan
4. Thanks to Metro Pedal Power for 11 Years of Service. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan
5. Congratulations to Darlene Beckford Pearson on her induction into the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Councillor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Mona Gunn on being selected as the next President of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. organization. Councillor Simmons
7. Congratulations to Yessenia Gomez on being selected to serve as Interim President of the Massachusetts Latino Police Officers Association, Inc. Councillor Simmons
8. Retirement of Shirley Santos from the Human Services Department. Councillor Toomey
9. Congratulations to the Trailblazing Women of 2019. Councillor Simmons
10. Happy 25th Anniversary to the Afterworks Program. Councillor Simmons
11. Congratulations to Denise Cosby on her upcoming event to launch her memoir. Councillor Simmons

12. Best wishes to the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers for a successful Awards Gala on Apr 27, 2019. Councillor Toomey
13. Resolution on the death of Maureen Flaherty. Councillor Toomey
14. Retirement of Joaquin “Ralph” Lullanda from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Mayor McGovern
15. Retirement of Sean Tevlin from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Mayor McGovern
16. Congratulations to Reverend Monsignor Kevin K. O’Leary on being named a Chaplain of His Holiness by Pope Francis on Apr 16, 2019. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. City Council support for H.692 extending voting rights to certain noncitizens. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan
2. That the City Manager is requested to provide an update from Eversource and any other relevant City departments regarding the finance, health and safety, building design and the long-term electricity needs that was requested by the City Council before the construction of a substation on Fulkerson Street in East Cambridge. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui
3. That the City Council go on record in opposition to the site owned by Eversource on Fulkerson Street to have a substation and that the City Manager be and herby is requested to urge Eversource to reconsider its acquisition of the property. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui
4. City Council support of UFCW Union Members in their negotiations with Stop & Shop. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Zondervan
5. City Council support of the EMPOWER Act (H.720/S.389: An Act ensuring municipal participation of the widest eligible range). Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan
6. City Council support of H.78: A proposal for a legislative amendment to the constitution to provide for no excuse absentee voting. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan
7. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, and the Department of Public Works to determine whether an all-way stop sign, a raised intersection or other safety improvements would be helpful at the Garden/Field/Alpine intersection. Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern
8. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Toomey for a street corner dedication in honor of

William and Claire McGaffigan in the vicinity of Pemberton Street and Haskell Street. Councillor Toomey

9. Appointment of Paula Crane as Interim City Clerk in the event that a City Clerk has not been named in time to begin service on June 1, 2019. Vice Mayor Devereux

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public hearing held on Mar 20, 2019 to discuss the implications of identity theft and cybercrime on local residents and businesses to include Cambridge Police Departmental responses to these events and possible proactive measures to help people protect against such crimes.
2. 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 Apr 2, 2019 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.
3. 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 Apr 11, 2019 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code to add a new Chapter 5.50 entitled "Cannabis Business Permitting".

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a memorandum regarding the School Department FY20 Budget.
2. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a communication from Councillor Kelley, transmitting a memorandum regarding Cannabis Business Ordinance Follow Up Inquiry.
3. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a communication from Councillor Kelley, transmitting a memorandum regarding CPSD, the Achievement Gap, and a Review of 8th Grade Math MCAS Results.
4. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a communication from the Assessors Department, transmitting certification regarding the petition from Kenneth S. Barron, 614 Massachusetts Avenue, et al property owners, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40O, petitioning that a Business Improvement District (BID) be established for the Central Square Business Improvement District.

5. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez transmitting a memorandum from Councillor Siddiqui, transmitting the submission of the Mayor's Blue-Ribbon Task Force on Tenant Displacement Mar 19, 2019 meeting minutes.
6. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a communication from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting a memorandum regarding proposed amendments to the Cannabis Business Ordinance
7. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a communication from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting a memorandum regarding Cambridge Residential Parking Permits Analysis.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

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. [TELEVISED] (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 30

12:00pm The Economic Development & University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a Cambridge vacant storefront registration ordinance. [TELEVISED] (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 1

- 9:00am Finance Committee hearing to discuss proposed FY20 City Budget. [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. [TELEVISED] (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. [TELEVISED] (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 8

6:00pm Finance Committee hearing to discuss FY20 School Department Budget. [TELEVISED] (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 9

9:00am Finance Committee hearing to discuss proposed FY20 City Budget (if necessary). [TELEVISED] (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 13

- 4:00pm 2019 City of Cambridge Scholarship Awards Ceremony. [TELEVISED] (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting - Budget Adoption (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 21

1:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the “City of Cambridge getting to Net Zero Action Plan: Fiscal year 2018 progress report “and to receive a general update on the Net Zero Action Plan. [TELEVISED] (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 22

12:00pm Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Massachusetts Equal Pay Law that was enacted in 2018 - What employees, supervisors, and City Leadership should know, what are the best practices, and how metrics must be established to ensure compliance with this new law. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 28

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition received from Verizon New England, Inc. to amend the zoning map of the City of Cambridge by creating a new Overlay Zoning district entitled “Ware Street Innovation Space Overlay District” encompassing 10 Ware Street and to amend article 20.000 of the Zoning Ordinance by creating a section entitled “Ware Street Innovation Space Overlay District”. [TELEVISED] (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 22, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Legitimate local governments are organs of the residents, seeking to represent those who choose to reside within the city, and to provide for the betterment of the community; and

WHEREAS: In Cambridge, 17.8 percent of residents are non-citizens, people who are nonetheless integral members of the communities, employees at our local businesses, users of our public transportation system and social services, and parents of our students; and

WHEREAS: While welcome in public forums, the voice of this large population of residents is not represented in our elected bodies; and

WHEREAS: In Nov 21, 2016, the Council adopted a [policy order](#) petitioning the Massachusetts General Court to enact a home rule petition entitled “AN ACT TO EMPOWER NON-CITIZEN RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE TO VOTE IN CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTIONS;” this petition was accompanied by other Council actions and committee hearings in which Councillors and members of the public voiced their interest in noncitizen suffrage; and

WHEREAS: [H. 692](#) “AN ACT ENABLING CITIES AND TOWNS TO EXTEND VOTING RIGHTS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO CERTAIN NONCITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH,” currently before the Massachusetts House of Representatives would allow noncitizen residents of Cambridge to participate in our local elections; and

WHEREAS: The MIT Graduate Student Council has already endorsed the legislation, stating: “The issues faced by our international graduate students are unique yet broad, concerning highly discussed topics of the Cambridge City Council such as transportation and housing. Thus, they deserve to have representation where topics that have such a dramatic impact on their lives are discussed;” now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of H. 692 “AN ACT ENABLING CITIES AND TOWNS TO EXTEND VOTING RIGHTS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO CERTAIN NONCITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH,” and requesting the Cambridge legislative delegation to support this bill toward enactment; and be it further

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

O-2 Apr 22, 2019

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR MALLON

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: In February 2019, the City Council unanimously voted for the City to confer with Eversource and the appropriate City departments to undertake a series of studies and analyses related to finance, health and safety, building design and the long-term electricity needs before the construction of a substation on Fulkerson Street in East Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: To date, the City Council has not heard back and Eversource has not provided any updates on what their current plans are; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is instructed to request an update from Eversource and any other relevant City departments on this matter; and be it further

ORDERED: That this matter be referred to the Public Safety Committee, Health and Environment Committee, and the Transportation/Public Utilities Committee for the purpose of scheduling a joint hearing to discuss the update.

O-3 Apr 22, 2019

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR MALLON

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: In May 2016, representatives of 135 Cambridge Street LLC appeared before the East Cambridge Planning Team (ECPT) to present a proposal for a three story 40-unit residential building at 135 Fulkerson; and

WHEREAS: In June 2016, Jay Doherty, Chief Executive Officer of Cabot, Cabot and Forbes filed a special permit application with the Planning Board seeking approval to construct the residential project at 135 Fulkerson; and

WHEREAS: After a series of public hearings attended by the East Cambridge residents in the summer of 2016, the Planning Board approved the special permit in September 2016; and

WHEREAS: In less than four months later, without providing any notice to ECPT or the City of Cambridge that it did not intend to develop the residential project it had spent six months advancing through the special permit process, the developer sold the property to NSTAR Electric Company; and

WHEREAS: According to the deeds on record at the Middlesex Registry of Deeds, the property was sold to NSTAR on Jan 17, 2017 for \$12,929,000.00, less than two hours after it was sold by the longtime owner for \$6,635,000.00 to the developer; and

WHEREAS: Nearly a year after acquiring the property representatives from Eversource appeared before ECPT for the first time only after being requested by ECPT President to meet with neighbors and inform them of their plans; and

WHEREAS: Eversource representatives indicated at that time that the company was unable to share any plans or discuss the scope of its project because it had not yet determined what, if anything, it intended to build at the property and that anything that was planned for the property would not be constructed for several years; and

WHEREAS: Siting an electrical substation in a residential neighborhood across the street from an elementary school and a public park is completely inappropriate and could present a serious health and safety risk to the residents of East Cambridge and the Wellington-Harrington neighborhood; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record opposing this site for a substation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging Eversource to reconsider its acquisition of the property and to offer it for sale; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to make such a request to Eversource on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 Apr 22, 2019
MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Nearly 31,000 workers at Stop & Shop grocery stores went on strike Apr 11, 2019, after negotiations with company executives failed to reach a deal that adequately protected health, welfare, and pension funds, or to “provide all employees with an opportunity to grow with the company;” and

WHEREAS: Despite reports that parent-company Ahold Delhaize profited by \$2.1 billion in 2018, Stop & Shop workers were asked to pick up the tab on contributions to their benefits package in excess of pay increases; and

WHEREAS: Communities across Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut are showing their support for their fellow residents by supporting strikers, holding the picket line, and urging Stop & Shop to return to good faith negotiations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council stands with members of the United Food and Commercial Workers in their prolonged strike against Stop & Shop, in their contract negotiations for fair compensation, and shoulder-to-shoulder on their picket lines; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to United Food and Commercial Workers 1445 on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Apr 22, 2019
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: There have been numerous past efforts in Cambridge to lower the voting age to either 16 or to 17 for City Council and School Committee elections, including two home rule petitions sent to the Massachusetts legislature in 2002 and 2006, respectively, to lower Cambridge’s voting age to 17; and

WHEREAS: A number of other cities and towns across Massachusetts are interested in seeking permission to lower the voting age for local elections to 16, and Concord and Wendell have already submitted home rule petitions that are currently under consideration in the legislature; and

WHEREAS: Representative Andres Vargas, Representative Dylan Fernandes, Senator Harriette Chandler and Senator Julian Cyr are the lead sponsors of a bill known as the EMPOWER Act ([H.720/S.389: An Act ensuring municipal participation of the widest eligible range](#)), that would enable all cities and towns in Massachusetts to change the minimum voting age for local elections to 16; and

WHEREAS: This bill could help Cambridge increase awareness and participation in the political process, and expand the electorate and boost voter turnout in municipal elections; and

WHEREAS: 16-year-old individuals attend the schools that are impacted by School Committee decisions, and are affected by many policy decisions, especially those surrounding gun control, resiliency planning for climate change, youth and workforce development programs, housing stability, road safety, and surveillance technology; and

WHEREAS: 16-year-olds can be employed and pay taxes, drive on city roads, and donate blood, and should be entrusted to engage civically and help to shape policy at the local level; and

WHEREAS: Studies, including [this study](#) published in American Psychologist, indicate that by age 16, an individual’s “cold cognition,” the type of decision-making in play when an individual is deliberating on important issues and casting a vote, is just as developed as it is for adults; and

WHEREAS: In jurisdictions where there is a lower voting age, data shows that 16- and 17-year-old first-time voters consistently turn out to vote at higher rates than 18- and 19-year-old first-time voters, and these communities have seen a positive impact from having their youth populations establish good habits around civic engagement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in supporting the EMPOWER Act (H.720/S.389: An Act ensuring municipal participation of the widest eligible range); 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 and to the chairs of the Joint Committee on Election Laws, Senator Barry Finegold and Representative John Lawn, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 Apr 22, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Absentee voting is an important tool that enables a wider range of residents to vote, and 4294 residents of Cambridge voted absentee in the November 2016, and 2763 residents voted in the November 2018; and

WHEREAS: According to Massachusetts law, in order to obtain an absentee ballot, a voter must provide proof that they are or will be absent from the city or town of which they are residents or are unable by reason of physical disability or religious belief to cast their votes in person at the polling places on Election Day or on early voting days; and

WHEREAS: This requirement of proof is limiting and may result in a voter choosing not to vote at all, and the policy results in people being unable to vote if they are not able to get to the polls on an Election Day for perfectly legitimate reasons other than those listed above; and

WHEREAS: Representative Michael J. Moran has submitted [H.78: A proposal for a legislative amendment to the constitution to provide for no excuse absentee voting](#); and

WHEREAS: This amendment would remove these limiting requirements and lift the burden of proof from voters; and

WHEREAS: Twenty-eight states and the District of Columbia currently allow no-excuse absentee voting, and it is used at higher rates than in states with excuse-required absentee voting, such as Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Voters should be granted a reasonable opportunity to cast their ballots and flexibility in doing so through no-excuse absentee voting; and

WHEREAS: At an Apr 10, 2019, hearing of the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee, Election Commission officials expressed to the City Council that this amendment to the Massachusetts constitution would be an important solution to allow them to fulfill their purpose, the management and supervision of elections, as fully as possible; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of H.78: A proposal for a legislative amendment to the constitution to provide for no excuse absentee voting, and in encouraging the Cambridge legislative delegation and the members of the Joint Committee on Election Laws to vote in support of it; 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 and the chairs of the Joint Committee on Election Laws, Senator Barry Finegold and Representative John Lawn, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Apr 22, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Residents have expressed concern for the safety of pedestrians at the intersection of Garden Street, Field Street and Alpine Street, which has an irregular angle and resultant low visibility and ambiguous rights of way; and

WHEREAS: Installation of the City's first Universal Design Playground is planned near this intersection, in Danehy Park adjacent to the Field Street parking lot, and will lead to new pedestrian infrastructure needs and an increased demand to

navigate this intersection clearly and safely on foot, and could provide an opportunity to reassess the safety and mobility needs of vulnerable road users at this intersection, and of all visitors crossing this area's streets to head to the playground and the rest of Danehy Park; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department, the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, and the Department of Public Works to determine whether an all-way stop sign, a raised intersection or other safety improvements would be helpful at the Garden/Field/Alpine intersection; 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-8 Apr 22, 2019

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Toomey for a street corner dedication in honor of William and Claire McGaffigan in the vicinity of Pemberton Street and Haskell Street; 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-9 Apr 22, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

ORDERED: That Paula M. Crane be appointed Interim City Clerk, in the event that a City Clerk has not been named in time to begin service on June 1, 2019.