

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following persons as members of the Police Review & Advisory Board effective May 1, 2017 for a term of five-years: Ann Coyne, Laurance Kimbrough, and Lucy Murray-Brown
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY17 MOVA Victim Services Training Grant for \$14,000 received from the Victim and Witness Assistance Board through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will provide funding for "Trauma-Informed Approaches to Law Enforcement" training in collaboration with the Cambridge Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Shannon Grant for \$20,405.25 received from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition's Community Safety Initiative through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account (\$16,932.45) and the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,472.80) which will be dedicated to hot spot patrols and Metro Gang Task Force participation.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$240,000 of Virtual Net Metering (VNM) credits to the General Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover invoices related to the VNM agreement for the photovoltaic project known as "Summer Street Solar."

## ON THE TABLE

1. The City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to organize regular suppers on the second Saturday of each month, starting on the 13th of August, with free food for the Cambridge community in open public spaces throughout the various Cambridge neighborhoods. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Mazen on June 20, 2016. Tabled on a motion by Councillor Mazen on June 27, 2016.]
2. The City Manager coordinate with the Finance Department, Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, and community stakeholders to outline a proposed system of governance, management, and stakeholder engagement for the Foundry, to be discussed in a public forum with the Council and community. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Oct 31, 2016. Placed On The Table on voice vote of six members on motion of Councillor Toomey.]
3. An application was received from Mundo/Lux, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 2 Bow Street. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Cheung on Dec 19, 2016. Placed On Table on a voice vote of 8 on motion of Councillor Cheung on Jan 9, 2017.]
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and any other relevant City department to survey of city residents, work, and visitors to determine who is interested in parking in the City. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Jan

30, 2017. Placed On Table on a motion by Councillor Cheung on Feb 6, 2017.]

5. That the City Manager is requested to establish the requirement that all appointments to the City's commissions, advisory committees, and task forces reflect the City's diversity and that the Civic Unity Committee is asked to sign off on all such appointments going forward. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Simmons on Feb 27, 2017. Tabled on a motion by Councillor Cheung on a voice vote of 8 members on Mar 6, 2017.]

## APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. Re-filed application was received from Cambridge Trust Company, requesting permission for four awnings at the premises numbered 415 Main Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
2. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council requesting permission for two temporary banners across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street and across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets announcing the Cambridge River Festival on June 3rd.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Sonia Kowal, President, Zevin Asses Management, LLC, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, regarding renewable energy.
2. A communication was received from Kiril Stefan Alexandrov, Co-Founder and Senior Adviser, International Economic Alliance, 1151 Massachusetts Avenue, regarding affordable housing.
3. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding saving the dollar.
4. A communication was received from Josephine Mullan, 40 Gold Star Road, regarding the Fresh Pond rail trail.
5. A communication was received from Ellen Mass, President, Friends of Alewife Reservation, 104 A Inman Street, regarding lighting on rail trail.
6. A communication was received from Kathleen Fitzgerald, 28 Murray Hill Road, regarding the bike path between Fresh Pond and Mt. Auburn.
7. A communication was received from Kathy Watkins, 90 Fawcett Street, transmitting comments on several items on the Apr 24, 2017 City Council Meeting.
8. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, 16 Cottage Street, regarding the Manager's report on the Surveillance Ordinance.
9. A communication was received from Inge Schreiber Hoffman, Lecturer on Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, Harvard University Medical School, regarding saving trees.
10. A communication was received from Candace Young, 15 1/2 Shepard Street, regarding the lighting of the new Greenway.
11. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities transmitting a copy of the Condensed Financial Return for the year ended Dec 31, 2016 for NSTAR Gas Company, doing business as Eversource Energy.

12. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities transmitting a copy of the Condensed Financial Return for the year ended Dec 31, 2016 for NSTAR Electric Company, doing business as Eversource Energy.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulations to Breakthrough Greater Boston on their 25th anniversary. Councillor Cheung
2. Congratulations to the Asian Community Development Corporation on its 30th anniversary. Councillor Cheung
3. Congratulations to Liz Speakman on receiving the BARCC Beacon Award. Vice Mayor McGovern
4. Resolution on the death of Janet Ellen (Cignetti) Cormier. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Arvilla Sarazen. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Simmons
6. Congratulations to the Central Square Theater, the Underground Railway Theater, and the Nora Theater Company for the honors they received for The Convert, Arcadia, and Bedlam's Twelfth Night & What You Will at the Independent Reviewers of New England Awards. Councillor Devereux
7. Congratulations to the East End House on its 13th Annual Cooking For A Cause event. Councillor Cheung
8. Congratulations to Brendan Kells on receiving the George C. Watson Award for Excellence in Teaching Economics from The Massachusetts Council for the Social Studies. Councillor Cheung
9. Congratulations to Gisel Saillant on receiving the Richard Aieta Award for Promising New Teacher from The Massachusetts Council for the Social Studies. Councillor Cheung
10. Congratulations to Father Volmar Scaravelli on receiving the Jorge Fidalgo Community Service Award from the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers. Mayor Simmons
11. Congratulations to Project Health CV on receiving the 2017 Manuel N. Coutinho Outstanding Volunteer Award from the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers. Mayor Simmons
12. Congratulations to Larry Fish on receiving the Man of The Year Award from the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers. Mayor Simmons
13. Congratulations to Dr. Ana Nava on receiving the Mary and Manuel Rogers Lifetime Community Service Award from the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers. Mayor Simmons
14. Resolution on the death of Gertrude A. (O'Keefe) DiPietro. Councillor Maher
15. Congratulations to John B. Cruz III on receiving the Alvaro Lima Outstanding Business Award from the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers. Mayor Simmons

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the necessary stakeholders to determine the practicality of buying the Tokyo site and converting it into affordable

housing units. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Devereux

2. That the City Council strongly urge the Cambridge Health Alliance to further its sterling commitment to creating community and supporting jobs by choosing a contractor that has a track record of maintaining the current staff, providing family sustaining wages and benefits, a third-party complaint procedure, and a fair procedure for disciplinary matters as it relates to housekeeping services. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Mayor E. Dennis Simmons, regarding Policy Order #13 from Apr 24, 2017 Meeting.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, May 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, May 2**

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2018 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, May 3**

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition from Mark Lechmere, LLC, Owner and Amadan Management, LLC, Manager, of the property at 207 and 227 Cambridge Street to amend the existing zoning at that location to authorize the construction of a 45 unit residential building with small scale retail on the ground floor and parking below grade. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, May 9**

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2018 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, May 10**

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2018 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Thurs, May 11**

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2018 City Budget (if necessary). This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 15**

4:00pm 2017 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, May 16**

3:30pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss tenant protections, anti-displacement policies, and Inclusionary Housing tenant selection policies; the Committee will also discuss any updates received from the CHA, including a report on the issuance of CHA Housing Choice Vouchers to public housing applicants. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, May 17**

3:30pm The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss updates and data collected thus far for the Retail Strategic Plan, and other matters pertaining to the Study. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, May 18**

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition from the Friends of Observatory Hill Village, to establish the Observatory Hill Village Overlay District. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 22**

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

**Tues, May 23**

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed Municipal Code amendment to Title 8 entitled "Health and Safety" by adding a new Chapter 8.69 entitled "Running Bamboo Ordinance." (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, May 24**

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the zoning petition filed by Latoyea Hawkins Cockrill, et al. to regulate short-term rental uses throughout the City. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, May 30**

4:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the role of police officers in the community, the installation of a police substation in Central Square and the stationing of a uniformed police officer in City Hall. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, May 31**

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss City Council proposed zoning amendments to create a new chapter to regulate short-term rentals. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, June 1**

5:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the open data portal, an update from the open data review board, and future opportunities for open data in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 5**

5:30pm City Council Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss Envision Cambridge citywide, including the Alewife planning. No public comment. No votes will be taken. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, June 6**

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Title 6 entitled "Animals" to insert a new Chapter 6.20 entitled "Restrictions on the sale of Animals in Pet Shops." (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 19**

5:00pm *Special Presentation* - A Celebration of Cambridge Volunteers (Sullivan Chamber)  
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Aug 7**

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Dr. Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, 459 Broadway)

**Mon, Sept 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 18**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 May 1, 2017

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been undergoing a housing crisis; and

WHEREAS: The owner of the Tokyo is amenable to selling the property, which opens the door for a possible collaboration with the City to convert the space into affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS: The Tokyo's location in the Parkway Overlay District across from Fresh Pond Reservation warrants special planning attention so that any future use is compatible with and enhances the adjacent residential neighborhood and the soon-to-be-reconstructed Tobin Vassal Lane Upper School; and

WHEREAS: It would be beneficial to engage with an affordable housing developer to learn how to best utilize this site to increase affordable housing in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the necessary stakeholders to determine the practicality of buying the Tokyo and converting into affordable housing units, and report back to the City Council on these findings.

O-2 May 1, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City Council has recently learned that the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) has opened the bid process to procure housekeeping services at all of its' facilities; and

WHEREAS: The CHA is to be commended for its commitment to maintaining good, family-supporting jobs for the people who work directly for the organization, as

well as for the people who work with the companies that do business with the CHA; and

WHEREAS: There are concerns, however, that due to the bidding process, the CHA may choose a housekeeping contractor who does not have a proven track record of maintaining the current staff with the same level of family-supporting wages and benefits as those currently in place, and in fact, depending upon which contractor is chosen, there are concerns that all the individuals currently employed as housekeeping staffers could be laid off; and

WHEREAS: It is understood that some contractors may put forward proposals that are considerably less expensive than others, and these less expensive proposals could be attractive to the CHA, which is operating under very real economic constraints; and

WHEREAS: Nevertheless, the CHA should be mindful of the fact that in many cases, the promise of savings from certain vendors is not due to innovative cleaning methods, leaner profit margins, or more efficient management, but rather due to diminishing the standards that the people who clean the CHA's facilities currently enjoy; and

WHEREAS: Choosing a vendor that pays lower wages could well lead to higher turnover of the housekeeping staff, lower quality of service, and the potential to have a revolving door of cleaning staff who will make less of an effort to uphold the high standards and conditions in the hospitals and clinics that make up the Cambridge Health Alliance; and

WHEREAS: The City Council understands that a third-party is administering the bidding procedure, yet the CHA is ultimately responsible for its contract and can certainly make its preferences be felt in this process; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record strongly urging the Cambridge Health Alliance to further its sterling commitment to creating community supporting jobs by choosing a contractor that has a track record of maintaining the current staff, providing family sustaining wages and benefits, a third-party complaint procedure, and a fair procedure for disciplinary matters; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Patrick Wardell, CEO of the Cambridge Health Alliance, on behalf of the entire City Council.