

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$200,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Traffic and Parking Department Extraordinary Expenditures for Traffic Signals, based on mitigation funding that the City has received from the Encore Casino project. These funds will be used to cover the cost of acquiring traffic monitoring units to be installed at multiple intersections that we expect will be impacted by the opening of the new casino.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-74, regarding the Anthony Paolillo Tot Lot water feature and installing new trash and recycling Big Belly bins together with a new sunscreen dispenser in the park within the next month.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-52, regarding solutions to the Rindge Avenue area waste disposal and rodent concerns.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-143, regarding requiring a Business Entity's Beneficial Ownership and Residential Real Estate Beneficial Ownership Transactions be Disclosed in all Cambridge Real Estate Transactions.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. 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]
2. 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]
3. 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.
4. 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]
5. 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. [ON OR AFTER MAY 6, 2019 THE QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION]
6. 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. [ON OR AFTER MAY 6, 2019 THE QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION]
  7. 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. [ON OR AFTER MAY 6, 2019 THE QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION]
  8. 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. [ON OR AFTER MAY 6, 2019 THE QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION]
  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 construction of improvements at City Hall. [ON OR AFTER MAY 6, 2019 THE QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION]
  10. 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. [ON OR AFTER MAY 6, 2019 THE QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION]
  11. 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. [ON OR AFTER MAY 6, 2019 THE QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION]
  12. 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. [ON OR AFTER MAY 6, 2019 THE QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION]

13. 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. [ON OR AFTER MAY 6, 2019 THE QUESTION COMES ON ORDINATION]

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council requesting permission for a temporary banner across the public way located at 795 Massachusetts Avenue in front of City Hall, and JFK at Mount Auburn Streets announcing the Cambridge Arts River Festival through May 13, 2019-May 27, 2019.
2. An application was received from MIT Visual Arts Center requesting permission for fifteen temporary banners on Ames Street, Memorial Drive to Main Street, announcing the Center's upcoming exhibition on Ericka Beckman May 21, 2019-July 26, 2019.
3. An application was received from Central Square Business Association, Michael Monestime requesting permission for four (4) temporary banners along Massachusetts Avenue on poles M54, M49, M52 and M47 announcing Wild Rabbit Community Moto Show on May 7, 2019-May 12, 2019.
4. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council requesting permission for eleven (11) temporary banner poles along Massachusetts Avenue pole numbers M105, M108, M102, 97, M94, M91, M83, M60, M53 1/2, M58 and M53 announcing Cambridge River Festival May 15, 2019-June 3, 2019.
5. A petition was received from residents at Thomas Graves Landing opposing PUD 8 by New England Development requesting Special Permit to exceed the 85' height limit at CambridgeSide.
6. A Zoning Petition has been received from the Self Storage Group, regarding a revised Zoning Petition seeking to create the New Street Overlay District. Based on the feedback received concerning their earlier petition.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding Cambridge being the core of the United States of America.
2. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding keeping America safe.
3. A communication was received from Sieh Samura, regarding economic empowerment.

4. A communication was received from Ali Malihi, 17 Otis Street, regarding the Sullivan Courthouse building and municipal parking projects.
5. A communication was received from Diane Leone, regarding proposed 100% Affordable Housing Overlay.
6. A communication was received from Jonathan Schwartz, Director, Interlock Media, Inc., regarding support of the development of the Sullivan Courthouse.
7. A communication was received from Elena Naumova, 150 Cambridge Avenue, regarding support of the Sullivan Courthouse development.
8. A communication was received from Alexandra Markiewicz, 6 Laurel Street, regarding support for \$20 million per year for affordable housing.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Retirement of Kevin Pierce from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Mayor McGovern
2. Congratulations to the Cambridge Community Center (CCC) on its 90th Anniversary Gala on Thus, May 9, 2019. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
3. Retirement of Chenier Durand from the Inspectional Services Department. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toomey
4. Congratulations to "Tex Mex Eats" owner Amanda Escamilla on her extended pop-up restaurant on 1193 Cambridge Street. Councillor Toomey

#### **ORDERS**

1. City Council support of bills opposing Weymouth Compressor Station/Fracked Gas. Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone
2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to check on the condition of the American flags throughout public institutions in the City and replace any flag in disarray before Memorial Day. Councillor Toomey
3. City Council support of H.1948 S.1332 Out of Hospital Birth Access and Safety Act. Mayor McGovern, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Department and other relevant City staff on how media collected by hand-held photo/video recording devices is used, stored, and shared. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Siddiqui
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff on how a cloud-based data management system for DHSP's Children and Youth Programs will clearly protect all aspects of participant privacy and access security. Councillor Kelley

6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to determine a suitable location to dedicate in Cheryl-Ann Pizza-Zeoli's honor. Councillor Simmons
7. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the License Commission to establish a "play streets" permit. Councillor Mallon, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui
8. Welcoming Community Ordinance. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Mallon, Vice Mayor Devereux
9. That the City Council request DCR's presence at a future hearing of the Transportation & Public Utilities Committee to discuss design options on Memorial Drive Greenway Improvements Phase 3. Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Devereux

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councilor E. Denise Simmons, Co-Chair and Councilor Sumbul Siddiqui Co-Chair of the Housing Committee for a public hearing held on Apr 25, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Sullivan Chamber to continue discussion on the Affordable Housing Overlay District and other related matters.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a communication from Councillor Mallon, submitting notes of the meeting on Apr 11, 2019 of the Mayor's Arts Task Force.

#### HEARING SCHEDULE

##### Mon, May 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

##### Tues, May 7

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

##### Wed, May 8

6:00pm Finance Committee hearing to discuss FY20 School Department Budget (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

##### Thus, May 9

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

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussion on a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code by add a new Chapter 5.50 entitled "Cannabis Business Permitting." (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

##### Mon, May 13

4:00pm 2019 City of Cambridge Scholarship Awards Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

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". (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

##### 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 - [televised](#))

2:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Eversource site on Fulkerson Street and a potential expansion project at this site. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

##### 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". (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

##### Wed, May 29

5:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a joint public hearing with the climate Resilience Task Force to receive an update on the task forces progress to date and to receive input and feedback. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

##### Mon, June 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, June 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss the petition filed by Kenneth S. Barron, 614 Massachusetts Avenue, et al property owners, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40 section O petitioning that a Business Improvement District (BID) be established for the Central Square Business Improvement District. (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 May 6, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Recent events have demonstrated the need to move off gas as a fuel for generating thermal and electrical energy in order to keep our communities safe and healthy, protect property and reduce the generation and emission of greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS: On Apr 24, 2017, the City Council passed a [resolution](#) in support of a transition to 100% renewable energy by 2035, and the City strives to address this goal through the City's Net Zero Action Plan and robust renewable energy commitments; and

WHEREAS: Methane, which comprises 95% of fracked gas, is a greenhouse gas that is 84 times more powerful than carbon dioxide over a 20-year period and currently a major factor worldwide driving climate change, and the combustion of methane itself produces carbon dioxide; and

WHEREAS: The gas pipeline industry is seeking to transport fracked gas from Pennsylvania, New York and other states through Massachusetts to liquid gas (LNG) terminals in Canada for export to world markets; and

WHEREAS: The Canadian gas pipeline company, Enbridge, with investments from Massachusetts-based utilities, is seeking approval to build a 7,700 horsepower fracked gas compressor station in Weymouth, MA, as part of the [Atlantic Bridge](#) project in order to be able to transport fracked gas across the Commonwealth to Canadian LNG export terminals, turning our Commonwealth into a fracked gas highway; and

WHEREAS: It is not in the Commonwealth's interest to become a pipeline highway for the fracked gas industry to export its product to the world; and

WHEREAS: The compressor station is to be located within two environmental justice communities on the banks of a waterway on a contaminated site; and

WHEREAS: There are several bills filed in the Massachusetts legislature seeking to regulate gas infrastructure and stop the compressor station, in particular [S.1997](#), [S.1990](#), [S.1319](#), [S.1753](#), and [S.1754](#), among others; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in strong opposition to the construction of the fracked gas compressor station in Weymouth and go on record urging the Massachusetts Legislature to take action to prevent its construction; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge legislative delegation, as well as to House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo and Senate President Karen E. Spilka and to the Governor, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 May 6, 2019

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to check on the condition of the American flags throughout public institutions in the City and replace any flag in disarray before Memorial Day.

O-3 May 6, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The United States is experiencing a maternal health crisis with the worst maternal mortality in the developed world, and no less so in [Massachusetts](#) where maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidities are also rising, with persistent racial and geographic disparities; and

WHEREAS: In Massachusetts, black women are twice as likely to die from pregnancy-related causes and have twice the rate of severe maternal morbidities as white women; and

WHEREAS: In Massachusetts, women on MassHealth are almost three times as likely to die from pregnancy-related causes and have higher rates of severe maternal morbidities as those who have private insurance; and

WHEREAS: 40 percent of births (and 60 percent of Black births) in Massachusetts are funded through MassHealth; and

WHEREAS: Numerous [studies](#) have confirmed the safety of home birth and the benefits of midwifery care for mothers and babies, including fewer C-sections, fewer post-partum complications, fewer infant deaths, fewer preterm births, fewer low-birthweight babies, and higher [breastfeeding rates](#); and

WHEREAS: The vast majority of nurse-midwives attend births in hospitals and Massachusetts does not recognize any other midwife credential, therefore almost all home births are attended by unlicensed midwives, unregulated, lacking in consumer protection, and not accessible through private insurance or MassHealth; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts ranks in the [bottom third](#) of states for maternity care integration and 35 other states have passed laws creating a pathway to licensure for Certified Professional Midwives, a nationally-recognized credential for midwives with specialized training in out-of-hospital birth and complete primary maternity care of childbearing people and newborns; and

WHEREAS: Licensing Certified Professional Midwives and including them as Medicaid providers [improves outcomes](#) for mothers and babies while significantly reducing health care costs; and

WHEREAS: Closures of maternity wards and community hospitals across the Commonwealth [creates barriers](#) to care that can be addressed through access to community-based midwives; and

WHEREAS: Access to licensed midwives and choice of birth setting should be equitably available to all childbearing people in Massachusetts, regardless of income; and

WHEREAS: Integrating Certified Professional Midwives into the maternity care system—through licensure and inclusion as a MassHealth provider-- promotes public health, consumer protection, transparency, accountability, provider collaboration, cost savings, and health equity; and

WHEREAS: A coalition of organizations for women's rights, civil rights, birth rights, and reproductive health have formed to support the [Out-of-Hospital Birth Access and Safety Act](#) led by Bay State Birth Coalition and including ACLU Massachusetts, League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, MassNOW, NARAL Pro-choice Massachusetts, Our Bodies Ourselves, the Union of Minority Neighborhoods, Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts, Amnesty International, Birth Rights Bar Association, Every Mother Counts, MomsRising, and midwifery organizations (National Association of Certified Professional Midwives, North American Registry of Midwives, Midwives Alliance of North America, and the American College of Nurse Midwives); and

WHEREAS: Bay State Birth Coalition and other advocacy groups have won bipartisan support from over 90 cosponsors in the Massachusetts legislature, including the following members of the Cambridge delegation: Representatives Marjorie Decker, Jonathan Hecht, Dave Rogers, Mike Connolly, and Jay Livingstone; Senators Pat Jehlen and Sal DiDomenico; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in full support of integrating Certified Professional Midwives into maternity care in Massachusetts and expanding access to midwives through MassHealth; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the Massachusetts State Legislature to make the [Out-of-Hospital Birth Access and Safety Act](#) a priority to pass during the current legislative session; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo, House Majority Leader Ron Mariano, Senate President Karen Spilka, Senate Majority Leader Cynthia Stone Creem; Bill sponsors Representative Kay Khan and Senator Becca Rausch; Cambridge Representatives Marjorie Decker, Jonathan Hecht, Dave Rogers, Mike Connolly, and Jay Livingstone; Cambridge Senators Pat Jehlen, Sal DiDomenico, and Joseph Boncore; and Bay State Birth Coalition on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 May 6, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: In the line of duty, Cambridge Police Officers may take photographs or video footage using handheld devices, such as phones and cameras; and

WHEREAS: It is unclear how long photo and video files are held, where they are stored, if they are shared with other departments or third parties, and generally how they are handled; and

WHEREAS: Under certain circumstances, some law enforcement agencies share data, including visual media files, with third parties, including fusion centers like the Massachusetts Department of State Police's Commonwealth Fusion Center; and

WHEREAS: Handheld visual recording devices and their media output are not covered in our recently ordained [Surveillance Ordinance](#); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Department and other relevant City staff on how media collected by handheld photo/video recording devices is used, stored, and shared; and be it further

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

O-5 May 6, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The City recently released an [RFP](#) for a cloud-based data management system for DHSP's Children and Youth Programs to collect, manage, and analyze information about participants; and

WHEREAS: The RFP does not clearly contain language to address privacy concerns although database security and staff access are mentioned; and

WHEREAS: This project is very sensitive due to the participants being children under the age of 18, who are already at a high risk of data insecurity; and

WHEREAS: Privacy is increasingly challenged in digital applications, and all organizations supporting City programs should have their privacy policies specifically noted and assessed as part of any successful bid application; and

WHEREAS: The RFP requires access to the system through a variety of mobile devices, it does not include requirements to secure access through those devices; and

WHEREAS: The RFP's implementation process does not specify a process to validate or test its security and privacy protections; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff on how this DHSP information program will clearly protect all aspects of participant privacy and access security and how that capacity is required in the bid; and be it further

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

O-6 May 6, 2019

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: On Apr 23, 2019, longtime Cambridge resident, affordable housing activist, and member of the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust Cheryl-Ann Pizza-Zeoli passed away after a lengthy illness; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to determine a suitable location to dedicate in Cheryl-Ann Pizza-Zeoli's honor.

O-7 May 6, 2019

COUNCILLOR MALLON

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Block parties are a way for neighbors to gather outside of their homes, generate their own open space, and build community; and

WHEREAS: By closing off a street or segment of a street, block parties help the City achieve our goal of giving pedestrians increased access to pedestrian-only spaces; and

WHEREAS: Making block parties easier to host is a priority for residents, especially as the summer months are approaching; and

WHEREAS: The City of Seattle has created a new permit called block party/play streets to "allow residents of Seattle to open neighborhood streets to kids and adults for more space for socializing, playing, and physical activity"; and

WHEREAS: The permit increases access and ease of planning for block parties by allowing non-arterial streets to be closed for up to 3 days per week, but for no more than 12 hours per week; and

WHEREAS: This permit strikes a balance between allowing neighborhoods increased access to their streets, while ensuring safety and notification measures, as well as logistical considerations such as:

- Applications must be submitted 14 days in advance
- The street must be non-arterial, limited to one block long, and cannot include bus service
- Proper neighborhood notification and coordination is required for approval
- Neighbors must affirm that they have read safety information materials regarding safely setting up and breaking down a play street

Additional requirements apply for large, immovable objects like stage; and

WHEREAS: There are other, Cambridge-specific requirements the City can include if needed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and License Commission to determine the feasibility of implementing a "Play Streets" permit for the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager respond back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-8 May 6, 2019

COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI  
COUNCILLOR MALLON  
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is a proud supporter of our Sanctuary City status, but there is no codified ordinance establishing itself as such; and

WHEREAS: The term “Sanctuary” has legal and cultural implications and may be misleading to the constituents we hope to protect; and

WHEREAS: The goal of our Sanctuary City status is to establish our city as a Welcoming Community, to declare that all are welcome here, and to increase public confidence in Cambridge’s government by providing guidelines associated with our city’s voluntary involvement in federal immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Police have the discretion to arrest individuals for driving without a license, which results in fingerprinting of suspects that go into databases used by ICE, or simply issue a summons to appear in court; and

WHEREAS: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) routinely go to Massachusetts court houses to detain suspected undocumented immigrants for crimes such as driving without a license; and

WHEREAS: A Welcoming Community ordinance would eliminate that discretion and treat all residents equally, while still enforcing the law; and

WHEREAS: Witnesses to crimes who bravely testify in court may also be detained for their immigration status because ICE is present to detain other individuals; and

WHEREAS: There is no movement on the state level to protect undocumented immigrants, enable drivers’ licenses, stop ICE from detaining people at court houses, protect witnesses or any other measure other states have enacted; and

WHEREAS: A Welcoming Community ordinance will equally enforce the law and serve the public without consideration of immigration status, citizenship, national origin, race or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS: The Welcoming City ordinance is supported by the Massachusetts branch of the ACLU, the Brazilian Workers Center and the Welcome Project; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council will include suggestions and input from the Cambridge Police, among other groups, on a final draft; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council pass the Welcoming Community Ordinance to protect our immigrant population; be it further

ORDERED: That this ordinance be referred to the Ordinance Committee for discussion and deliberation.

O-9 May 6, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN  
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has begun phase 3 of the Memorial Drive Greenway Improvements project; and

WHEREAS: This phase of the project will cover Memorial Drive from the BU Bridge Rotary to the Eliot Bridge, with the stated goals of redesigning both the roadway and community path, as well as making environmental and landscape improvements; and

WHEREAS: DCR is in the initial stages of a community process that began with a meeting at the Morse School on Apr 11, and is currently soliciting input from residents about the project, which will be incorporated into conceptual alternatives to be presented at a future meeting; and

WHEREAS: Existing site conditions are unsafe for all users, including a roadway that functions as a highway and a community path that is cracked and narrows to just 4 feet in width at times, forcing recreational cyclists, commuting cyclists, pedestrians, runners, families with strollers & young children, seniors, and those with mobility challenges to compete with each other for an unreasonably small amount of space; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is strongly committed to a [Vision Zero](#) framework, and has a long history of taking steps and implementing policy that improves conditions for all users with a focus on safety and sustainability, from the 1992 [Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance](#) to the recently ordained [Cycling Safety Ordinance](#); now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record requesting DCR’s presence at a future hearing of the Transportation & Public Utilities Committee to discuss design options; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging residents to weigh in on this project before the May 9, 2019 deadline through either the [DCR website](#), the project’s [Wikimap](#), or by mailing comments directly to the DCR Office of Public Outreach (251 Causeway Street, 6th floor, Boston, MA 02114); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to DCR Commissioner Leo Roy on behalf of the entire City Council.