

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on COVID-19.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the FY2021 submitted budget appropriation orders.

May 11, 2020

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby transmitting, pursuant to G.L. c. 44, § 32, the FY2021 submitted budget appropriation orders which state the amounts I am recommending for proposed expenditures of the City for the next fiscal year together with a separate zip drive containing the back-up materials for the budget. The budget book will be available to the City Council later this week.

Very truly yours, Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to review the order and align it with guidelines promulgated by the CDC, WHO, Dr. Fauci, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to make clear face coverings are required in public settings only when physical distancing is not possible. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED IN COUNCIL MAY 4, 2020]

ON THE TABLE

2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor, Community Development, Public Works, Inspectional Services and any other related departments to review the proposed amendments regarding the prohibition of Natural Gas Infrastructure in New Buildings. [TABLED ON JAN 27, 2020]
3. That the "2020 Cycling Safety Ordinance" be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for discussion and recommendation. [TABLED ON MAR 23, 2020]
4. Policy Order Summer Camp Operations. [TABLED IN COUNCIL MAY 4, 2020]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. 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]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Anthony Consigli, CEO, Consigli Construction Co., Inc., in support of the order to resume construction.
2. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding Ramadan Mubarak.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Bill Ellis. Councillor Toomey

2. Resolution on the death of John Percoco. Councillor Toomey
3. Resolution on the death of Mary Albano. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Virginia Ginny Mastrangelo. Councillor Toomey
5. Congratulating Karen Chen on her inclusion on the Boston Magazine "100 Most Influential People in Boston Right Now" list. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
6. Resolution on the death of Pastor Herman Lloyd Greene. Councillor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to order the Department of Public Works and any other relevant departments to consider implementing Simple Recycling's curbside textile recycling program and report back to the Council on this matter in a timely manner. Councillor Toomey
 2. That the City Manager report to the council with an update on recommendations being discussed by the small business advisory group so the council may be prepared for quick action on items that may properly come before the body. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
 3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Public Works and any other relevant City departments to reopen the Recycling Center for a limited time and to place recycling bins strategically across the City for residents who are unable to access the Recycling Center to allow for residents to recycle plastic items such as bags. Councillor Toomey
 4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Police Department to provide information to the City Council about social media protocols and what disciplinary action has been taken as result of the Department's social media use incident. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone
 5. That the City Council go on record in solidarity with all Lesley University workers and in support of the demands of the community petition. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
- ## **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**
1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee's Regular Meeting held on May 5, 2020.
 2. A communication was received from Vice Mayor Mallon, transmitting Food Insecurity Work and Resources Update.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, May 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, TV, Zoom)

Mon, May 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting - FY21 Budget Submission (Sullivan Chamber, TV, Zoom)

Tues, May 26

9:00am Finance Committee Hearing (Sullivan Chamber, TV, Zoom)

Mon, June 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, TV, Zoom)

Tues, June 2

9:00am Finance Committee Hearing (Sullivan Chamber, TV, Zoom)

Wed, June 3

6:00pm Finance Committee will meet for a public hearing on the FY21 School Department budget (Sullivan Chamber, TV, Zoom)

Thurs, June 4

9:00am Finance Committee Hearing (if necessary) (Sullivan Chamber, TV, Zoom)

Mon, June 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, TV, Zoom)

Mon, June 15

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

Mon, June 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, TV, Zoom)

Mon, June 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, TV, Zoom)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 May 11, 2020

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Many local municipalities participate in a program through the contractor Simple Recycling for textile recycling pickup; and

WHEREAS: Only a small portion of unwanted clothing in the United States is donated and recycled while approximately 14.3 million tons of clothing end up in landfills; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to order the Department of Public Works and any other relevant departments to consider implementing Simple Recycling's curbside textile recycling program and report back to the Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-2 May 11, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been dedicated to supporting locally owned or operated businesses and the character and diversity they bring to our city; and

WHEREAS: The City manager appointed a small business advisory group to develop plans to help support local businesses and develop recommendation for re-opening; and

WHEREAS: A number of ideas for possible consideration including following the lead of cities around the world are preparing space outdoors for restaurants or bars to expand seating capacity;

WHEREAS: The small business advisory group has discussed opening additional sidewalk and/or adjacent parking spaces to utilize for service when the Stay at Home Order is lifted, while maintaining accessibility and safety of workers and customers; and

WHEREAS: The Council wants to support all ideas that would enable a swift and safe return to businesses including restaurants, small farmers' markets and retail establishments; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Clerk is requested to send a copy of this order to the Small Business Advisory Committee to give strong council support to working on this idea; and further be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager report to the council with an update on recommendations being discussed by the small business advisory group so the council may be prepared for quick action on items that may properly come before the body.

O-3 May 11, 2020

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Throughout the COVID-19 emergency, the City's Recycling Center at 47 Hampshire Street has been closed leaving residents unable to recycle plastic items such as bags; and

WHEREAS: As a result of the ongoing pandemic, many households across the City are experiencing an increase in recyclable trash items, including plastic bags which have been temporarily reintroduced for groceries, and paper and boxes from home-delivered packages; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Public Works and any other relevant City departments to reopen the Recycling Center for a limited time and to place recycling bins strategically across the City for residents who are unable to access the Recycling Center to allow for residents to recycle plastic items such as bags.

O-4 May 11, 2020

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Whereas on Sunday, May 3, the official Twitter account of the Cambridge Police Department, in response to a tweet about Rep. Joe Kennedy III, replied publicly, “Another liberal f--- (expletive redacted) jerk who just happens to better than the clown he’s running against. Sad for us.”; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge Police Department should not make statements attacking public officials, and the police should not publicly insult Massachusetts’ residents they are sworn to protect; and

WHEREAS: The Police Department deleted the tweet soon after, issued an apology, and identified Supt. Jack Albert as the author; and

WHEREAS: The Police Department has said Supt. Albert will be subject to disciplinary action but that “Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, the Department would be restricted from disclosing any specific disciplinary action” publicly; and

WHEREAS: Incidents like this erode confidence in the Police Department during the ongoing COVID-19 emergency and raise questions about the Department’s social media protocols for its officers and its official account, which posts official updates about urgent situations including shootings and public safety threats; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Police Department to provide information to the City Council about what disciplinary action has been taken as result of this incident, which may be in executive session if required by state law; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Police Department to provide a report on how social media protocols for the official Police Department account and officers’ personal accounts have been revised as a result of this to prevent future incidents.

O-5 May 11, 2020

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Lesley University terminated the contracts of many dining services workers, custodial staff, and public safety staff, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of campus; and

WHEREAS: Attempts to redeploy these workers, who are disproportionately people of color and immigrants, through their subcontractor have not been successful; and

WHEREAS: This tragic decision has left many vulnerable community members without pay or benefits and runs

contrary to the University’s mission statement, which claims to prepare students to “... strive for social justice and equity”; and

WHEREAS: The 2020 CARE Act includes \$14 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, of which Lesley is projected to receive \$1,997,859, and the bill specifically mentions that recipients of these funds must retain current employees to the “maximum extent practicable”; and

WHEREAS: Pay cuts taken by the highest salaried employees, as announced by [both](#) Harvard and MIT, could easily pay for retaining some of these workers; and

WHEREAS: During this pandemic, we must do all we can to protect the most vulnerable including the lowest paid workers and contractors; and

WHEREAS: Members of the Lesley University community have drafted a [petition](#) calling on President Janet Steinmayer to reverse course; and

WHEREAS: Local 26 was able to secure medical benefits for Lesley dining hall workers according to their existing contract, but not wages, and the union does not represent other types of essential workers on campus including custodial or public safety workers; and

WHEREAS: The petition demands that Lesley University administration protect food service, custodial, and public safety workers through the following steps:

- Guarantee continuity in wages and benefits for Lesley University food service, custodial, and public safety workers through the end of the spring 2020 semester
- Guarantee hazard pay and provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the food service, custodial, and public safety workers that remain on campus
- Modify paid leave policies to allow flexibility for workers who become sick, have a dependent become sick, or have otherwise been exposed to COVID-19; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in solidarity with all Lesley University workers and in support of the demands of the community petition; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Lesley University President Janet Steinmayer.