

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 transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund Electrical Department Salary and Wages Account to the General Fund Electrical Travel and Training account (Judgments and Damages) to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for personnel injured in performance of their duties.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY20 Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS), Highway Safety Division (HSD), Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Grant for \$6,000 received from the EOPSS Highway Safety Division to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account (\$6,000) which will be for personnel/overtime services and will be dedicated to initiatives that address pedestrian and bicycle issues, coupling educational projects with enforcement of laws to reduce pedestrian and bicycle injuries and crashes.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$100,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support an agreement with Roca Inc., which is committed to disrupting the cycle of incarceration and poverty by helping young people transform their lives. The funds will be used to support a dedicated Cambridge outreach worker, programming, mental health counseling and other services aimed at reducing gang related violence as a part of the Department's Focused Deterrence Initiative.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$677,300 from Free Cash, to the General Fund Finance Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$125,000); to the General Fund Fire Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$125,000); to the General Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$208,300); General Fund Executive Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$200,000) and to the General Fund Emergency Communications Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$19,000) which will cover projected costs of materials and supplies related to the COVID-19 crisis for City departments through the end of the fiscal year. Funds will be used to purchase masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, cleaning materials and spray sanitizer, as well as communication costs.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$60,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account for continued support

of Homeless Shelter / Local Restaurant Community meals program through the end of the fiscal year.

7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,175,000, from Free Cash, to the General Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$944,000); to the General Fund Human Services Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$770,000); to the General Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$245,000); and to the General Fund Finance Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$216,000); to cover costs associated with the War Memorial Temporary Emergency Shelter at 1640 Cambridge Street.
8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of appropriation of \$150,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Finance Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account, for COVID-19 testing kits.

ON THE TABLE

1. 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]
2. That the "2020 Cycling Safety Ordinance" be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for discussion and recommendation. [TABLED ON MAR 23, 2020]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$6,500,000 to provide funds for the design and construction of various water pollution abatement projects, including but not limited to Sewer Capital Repairs Program and climate change preparedness efforts. [ON OR AFTER JUNE 15, 2020 THE QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION]
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$5,000,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of various City streets and sidewalks. [ON OR AFTER JUNE 15, 2020 THE QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION]
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$16,000,000 to provide funds for the Municipal Facilities Improvement Plan which will

support improvements at the Department of Public works Complex including the Ryan Garage, Lafayette Square Firehouse structural repair, and other municipal buildings. [ON OR AFTER JUNE 15, 2020 THE QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION]

7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$9,000,000 to provide funds for the construction of improvements of the Lexington Avenue and River Street Firehouses. [ON OR AFTER JUNE 15, 2020 THE QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION]
8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$237,000,000 to provide funds for the design and construction of the Tobin Montessori and Vassal Lane Upper School. [ON OR AFTER JUNE 15, 2020 THE QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION]
9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,800,000 to provide funds for various Schools for repairs to electrical service, roof replacement, chiller replacement, floor replacement and replacement of bi-directional amplifier and antenna in various school buildings. [ON OR AFTER JUNE 15, 2020 THE QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Elizabeth Speakman, requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK at Mount Auburn Street announcing Domestic Violence from June 1, 2020 through June 19, 2020.
2. An application was received from Duncan MacArthur, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 56 Creighton Street; 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.
3. An application was received from Fredric Wilkins, requesting permission for an internal illuminating projecting sign at the premises numbered 27 Church Street. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Pete Septoff, Hancock Street, regarding contempt of Elected Officials.
2. A communication was received from CC Leblanc, 14 Tufts Street, regarding petition for social distancing for citizens of Cambridge.
3. A communication was received from Maure Aronson, regarding 585 Third Street.

4. A communication was received from Javier Matamoros, regarding Memorial Drive Sunday openings.
5. A communication was received from Ian S., regarding safe social distancing in Cambridge.
6. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, regarding Arlington launches shared streets program in East Arlington.
7. A communication was received from Sam Bayer, 1 Streans Street, regarding upgrading the Municipal Broadband.
8. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding COVID-19 crisis.
9. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, 16 Cottage Street, regarding correcting the record on Municipal Broadband costs.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of John Taylor. Councillor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of Ruth Nelson. Councillor Simmons
3. Thanking Dina Mardell (PSB) for Book Donation Resolution. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan
4. Resolution on the death of Nancy "Nan" White. Councillor McGovern
5. Observation of Juneteenth - June 19, 2020. Councillor Simmons
6. Resolution of the death of Rev. George Windrey Battle. Councillor Simmons
7. Thanking the Cambridge Youth Council. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan
8. Congratulations CRLS Class of 2020. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to (1) refresh the rainbow benches outside of City Hall, (2) paint the crosswalks in colors that represent the Trans Flag, the Pride Flag, the Bi Flag and the People of Color Pride Flag, and (3) light City Hall up in rainbow colors in recognition of Pride Month. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on efforts made to ensure that at least one accessible public building, with proper safety measures for social distancing and good hygiene, can be open during the summer for residents to cool down. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Carlone

3. Governor Baker's Emergency Order on March 25, 2020 included a ban on reusable bags and lifted all municipal bans and fees on plastic bags. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan
4. North Cambridge COVID19 Testing. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan
5. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant City staff and the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority to change the name of the bus stop from "Massachusetts Avenue at Churchill Avenue" to "Matignon High School at Churchill Avenue" and report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner. Councillor Toomey
6. That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Cambridge Carnival International, Authentic Caribbean Foundation, and the Institute of Caribbean Studies on behalf of the entire City Council. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee's Regular Meeting and Subcommittee meetings.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, June 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, web and TV only)

Tues, June 2

9:00am Finance Committee Hearing (Sullivan Chamber, web and TV only)

Wed, June 3

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

Thurs, June 4

9:00am Finance Committee Hearing (if necessary) (Sullivan Chamber, web and TV only)

Mon, June 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, web and TV only)

Mon, June 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting - Budget Adoption (Sullivan Chamber, likely web and TV only)

Mon, June 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, likely web and TV only)

Mon, June 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, likely web and TV only)

Mon, July 27

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, likely web and TV only)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 1, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: June is Pride Month, a month in which we celebrate the LGBTQ+ community's diversity and raise awareness about issues the LGBTQ+ community faces; and

WHEREAS: Every June, the LGBTQ+ community comes together to celebrate the freedom to be their authentic selves; and

WHEREAS: Pride Month is also a time to celebrate the long history of LGBTQ+ activists who have fought to dismantle prejudice and advocate for equal rights; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is an ally to LGBTQ+ community and supports LGBTQ staff, residents and families in Cambridge and beyond; and

WHEREAS: That the City Council go on record recognizing June 2020 as Pride Month in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to (1) refresh the rainbow benches outside of City Hall, (2) paint the crosswalks in colors that represent the Trans Flag, the Pride Flag, the Bi Flag and the People of Color Pride Flag, and (3) light City Hall up in rainbow colors in recognition of Pride Month.

O-2 June 1, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has experienced heat waves in past years, with temperatures exceeding 90 degrees Fahrenheit for several consecutive days; and

WHEREAS: In years past, we have many public buildings open to residents to cool down; and

WHEREAS: The current pandemic has shuttered many public buildings to comply with public health guidance and reduce the amount of people congregating near one another; and

WHEREAS: The public regularly uses libraries, senior centers and youth centers as cooling centers during extremely hot weather, but these locations are currently closed for public health reasons; and

WHEREAS: DCR pools might reopen in the next phase of the State's reopening plan, but these have not practical to some members of the public to cool down in years past, and might reclose if public health guidance requires it; and

WHEREAS: With so many unknowns about the longevity of the pandemic throughout the summer, the City must factor in the need for safe cooling centers; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on efforts made to ensure that at least one accessible public building, with proper safety measures for social distancing and good hygiene, can be open during the summer for residents to cool down.

O-3 June 1, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Governor Baker's Emergency Order on March 25, 2020 included a ban on reusable bags and lifted all municipal bans and fees on plastic bags; and

WHEREAS: This ban was implemented to reduce the spread of COVID-19, which some studies suggested may be carried on reusable bags; and

WHEREAS: There are now studies that prove reusable bags are at least as safe as plastic, and likely more safe, yet the plastics industry has spread misinformation claiming that plastics are the only safe material to use when containing, storing, and transporting goods and food items during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS: Sierra Club Massachusetts and MassPIRG released a joint statement citing the dire need to combat the misinformation coming from plastic industry lobbyists with sound science and facts from public health officials; and

WHEREAS: The simultaneous public health crisis that we are experiencing at the moment is the environmental crisis, and the widespread use of plastics are a major contributor to both the world's greenhouse gas emissions and our landfills; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB) Ordinance took effect on March 31, 2016, which significantly reduced single-use bag consumption; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative that we not let fear-based misinformation during this pandemic change the steps we have taken towards reduction in plastics consumption in our city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Council go on record urging the Governor to end the ban on reusable bags and allow municipalities to enforce their own bag restrictions; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Governor and state delegation.

O-4 June 1, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) is offering COVID-19 testing to all Cambridge residents via a stand-alone testing center at the CHA East Cambridge Care Center (163 Gore St., Cambridge); and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge offered free COVID-19 testing in The Port neighborhood by appointment on May 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, and 30 at the Pisani Center, 131 Washington St; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge also completed free mobile COVID-19 testing in all Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) senior buildings between May 20-26; and

WHEREAS: North Cambridge has been identified as a potential hot spot for COVID-19 positive cases; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested work with Claude Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer of the Cambridge Public Department, to expand testing to those living in North Cambridge, such as at the Fresh Pond Apartments.

O-5 June 1, 2020

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The students of Matignon High School

Entrepreneurship Club have come up with the idea to change the name of the bus stop near Matignon High School in honor of the school's namesake Father Francis Anthony Matignon; and

WHEREAS: In consultation with City Staff, the consensus was to change the name of the stop from "Massachusetts Avenue at Churchill Avenue" to "Matignon High School at Churchill Avenue"; and

WHEREAS: Matignon High School has been a staple in the community for over seven decades; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant City staff and the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority to change the name of the bus stop from "Massachusetts Avenue at Churchill Avenue" to "Matignon High School at Churchill Avenue" and report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-6 June 1, 2020

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: June is national Caribbean-American Heritage Month, a time to recognize the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States; and

WHEREAS: This special month features events that celebrate the rich culture, traditions, and history of Caribbean people in the United States; and

WHEREAS: The combination of red, green, and gold symbolizes resistance, independence, strength, and Black empowerment throughout the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS: There is a long history of Caribbean-American people living and working in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: June 2019 was the first official celebration of Caribbean-American Heritage Month in Cambridge; and.

WHEREAS: The 2020 celebration will be different due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but it is important to safely celebrate and uplift the community during this difficult time; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council declare the month of June 2020 to be Caribbean-American Heritage Month in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council will work to suitably celebrate Caribbean-American Heritage Month, subject to the limitations imposed by the pandemic, including (but not limited to) lighting up city hall in red, green, and gold (yellow); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Cambridge Carnival International, Authentic Caribbean Foundation, and the Institute of Caribbean Studies on behalf of the entire City Council.