

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order authorizing the City Manager for transfer appropriations of available balances prior to the close of the books for FY17-18.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$605,160 in the General Fund between School Department statutory accounts as follows: \$572,348 from the Salary and Wages account and \$32,812 from Travel & Training Account to the School Other Ordinary Maintenance account \$604,430 and \$730 to the Extraordinary Expenses Account. The reallocations are for school improvement and professional development plans for all schools.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$125,000 in mitigation funds received from the Novartis' Special District 15 building project (Ordinance #1338) to the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance Account. The funds will be offered through the City's HomeBridge program pilot for homebuyers who are not eligible for CPA funds offered through HomeBridge.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$134,835 in mitigation funds received from the Forest City's 300 Massachusetts Avenue building project (Ordinance #1354) to the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to fund the HomeBridge program.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$619,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Emergency Communications Extraordinary Expenditures account which will fund the replacement of approximately twenty (20) two-way portable radios and eighty two (82) mobile radios for Critical Infrastructure to support the radio system for Public Safety.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$575,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account which will fund the replacement of a 1999 Pierce Pumper Fire Truck.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$500,000 in Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Human Services Extraordinary Expenditures account for the purpose of renovating the basement space at 51 Inman Street for the Center for Families and Baby U staff.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a member of the Family Policy Council for a term of three years, effective June 1, 2018: Neal Michaels

9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the new appointments and reappointments of the following persons as a members of the Council on Aging Board effective June 1, 2018. New appointments: JoAnn Haas, Beverly Sealey and Edna Joy Stamp. Reappointments: Mary Ann Dalton, Lily Owyang, Jennifer Chisholm and Officer Daniel Burroso.
10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to new appointments and reappointments of the following persons as a members of the Board of Trustees of the Cambridge Health Alliance effective July 1, 2018. New Appointments: Brian Burke, Dennis Benzan and Alexander White, MD. Reappointments: Marian Darlington-Hope, Madge Kaplan, Mark Puleo, Katharine Kosinski, MD, and Joshua Posner.
11. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$370,300.73 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant program income to the Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures Account which will be used to increase funds available to continue the development of affordable housing for residents.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a detailed accounting of locations, if any, where Cured-In-Place Plastic Pipe (CIPP) and other plastic pipes currently exists in Cambridge, when it was installed, and why there was no public process for such a potentially hazardous change in water policy.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request for approval to submit the attached Home Rule Petition that would authorize the City of Cambridge to include as part of the Inman Square Intersection Safety Improvements Project ("Project") the planned reconfiguration of the intersection of Hampshire Street and Cambridge Street in the Inman Square area of the City (hereinafter, "Inman Square") as well as a portion of the land that makes up Mayor Alfred E. Vellucci Community Plaza ("Vellucci Plaza").
3. That the City Manager is requested to create a structured commercial tax rate system for FY20 that prioritizes lowering the tax rate for small businesses.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 14 Magazine Street, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing the Grecian Festival June 11th - June 18th.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Ed White, 2 Highland Park, regarding the proposed project to destroy Vellucci Park in Inman Square.

2. A communication was received from Nina Mukherji, 13 Marcella Street, regarding a safe Inman Square.
3. A communication was received from Bret Matthew, 124 Amory Street, regarding Inman Square intersection redesign.
4. A communication was received from Doug Healy, regarding Inman Square bike lanes.
5. A communication was received from Marilyn Wellons, 651 Green Street, regarding Inman Square improvement project.
6. A communication was received from Joanna Herlihy, 410 Norfolk Street, regarding Vellucci Plaza project.
7. A communication was received from Josiah Bonsey, 16 Prentiss Street, regarding composting for small business.
8. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding explanation of Policy Order #5 of May 21, 2018, eviction data collection.
9. A communication was received from Becca Wolfson, regarding Vision Zero coalition support for Inman Square re-design.
10. A communication was received from Abra Berkowitz, 253 1/2 Broadway, regarding support of Policy Orders #143, #144, #146 also City Managers Agenda item #4, as of May 21, 2018.
11. A communication was received from Megan Brook, 103 Inman Street, regarding Inman Square redesign.
12. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding cosmic self.
13. A communication was received from Kenneth Eisenberg, 200 Hampshire Street, regarding opposition to the proposed Inman Square redesign.
14. A communication was received from Gary Mello, Franklin Street, regarding two positions posted by the Election Department.
15. A communication was received from Sarah Kleinschmidt, 641 Green Street, regarding a safer Inman Square.
16. A communication was received from Charles Teague, 23 Edmunds Street, regarding Inman Square design approval.
17. A communication was received from Adrianna San Roman, regarding support for Inman Square Redesign Project.
18. A communication was received from Jonathan Fertig, regarding support for Inman Square redesign.
19. A communication was received from Esther Landesman, regarding approval of the Inman Square redesign project.
20. A communication was received from Daniel Shugrue, regarding thinking for the continued support for the Inman Square protected Bike Lanes.
21. A communication was received from Kathleen Millis-Curran, regarding support for the Inman Square Redesign Project.
22. A communication was received from Jim Kochman, 20 Greenough Avenue, regarding support for Inman Square Redesign Project.
23. A communication was received from Ryan Grams, 48 Magazine Street, regarding support for Inman Square Redesign Project.
24. A communication was received from Hugh Russell, 1 Corliss Place, regarding vote no on Inman Square Redesign Project.
25. A communication was received from Erin Donohue, regarding support for Inman Square Redesign Project.
26. A communication was received from Alex Anderson, regarding support for Inman Square Redesign Project.
27. A communication was received from Arnaud Henry, 150 Pearl Street, regarding having a required City Council hearing for Inman Square design approval.
28. A communication was received from Susan Ringler, 82 Kinnard Street, regarding having a required City Council hearing for Inman Square design approval.
29. A communication was received from Annelise Blombeg, Lincoln Parkway, Somerville, regarding support for Inman Square Redesign Project.
30. A communication was received from Lena Webb, regarding support for Inman Square Redesign Project.
31. A communication was received from Olivia Fiske, regarding saving Vellucci Park and Inman Square.
32. A communication was received from Michael Weber, regarding support for Inman Square Redesign Project.
33. A communication was received from Jeanne Garrison, 71 Tremont Street, regarding support for Inman Square Redesign Project.
34. A communication was received from John MacDougall, 175 Richdale Avenue, regarding support for Inman Street Redesign Project.
35. A communication was received from Robert J. LaTremouille, Chair, Friends of the White Geese, regarding the reality of the vote on City Manager Agenda Item #2, as of May 21, 2018.
36. A communication was received from Andrew McFarland, regarding support for Inman Square Redesign Project.
37. A communication was received from Gretchen Friesinger, 18 Orchard Street, regarding support for Inman Square Redesign Project.
38. A communication was received from Sheila Irvine, regarding support for Inman Square Redesign Project.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Thanks to Risa Mednick for her many years of dedicated service to the Transition House. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
2. Congratulations to David Kanode. Councillor Simmons

3. Retirement of Glenn Turner from the Fire Department.
Mayor McGovern
4. Resolution on the death of Chester "Chet" Mitchell.
Councillor Toomey
5. Congratulating Brazilian Magazine on the occasion of their
11th Anniversary celebration occurring on June 11th.
Councillor Toomey
6. Celebrating Immigrant Heritage Month. Mayor McGovern
7. Resolution on the death of Marie August. Councillor
Toomey
8. Celebrating Loving Day. Mayor McGovern
9. Congratulations to Alvin Carter III on the occasion of his
Graduation from Northeastern University School of Law.
Councillor Siddiqui
10. Wishing Elie Yarden a Happy 95th Birthday. Councillor
Zondervan
11. Best wishes to KultureCity on occasion of their 5th
Anniversary Fundraiser Event. Councillor Toomey
12. Congratulating New Police Department Promotions.
Mayor McGovern

ORDERS

1. Issues to be resolved on the I-90 Interchange Project. Vice
Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan,
Councillor Carlone
2. Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Barnes Way Dedication. Councillor
Simmons
3. Advancing Homelessness Issues Docket. Mayor
McGovern, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Siddiqui
4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult
with the Community Development Department and any
other relevant departments to explore starting a Citizens'
Academy in Cambridge. Councillor Mallon
5. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work
with the Cambridge Historical Commission, the Cambridge
Women's Commission, the Cambridge Arts Council, and
the Community Development Department to commission a
public art piece, statue, or memorial that would
commemorate the dedication of women in Cambridge to
passing the Nineteenth Amendment. Councillor Mallon,
Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor
Siddiqui

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City
Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Jan Devereux,
Chair of the Health and Environment Committee for a
public hearing held on May 24, 2018 to discuss the City of
Cambridge getting to NET Zero Action Plan.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City
Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Jan Devereux,
Chair of the Transportation & Public Utilities Committee,
for a public hearing held on May 22, 2018 to follow up on

Policy Order #7 of Mar 5, 2018 on the future of dock-less
bikes in Cambridge.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P.
Lopez, transmitting a communication from Mayor
McGovern, transmitting amendments to Policy Order # 3 of
May 21, 2018 regarding the creation of a structured tax rate
system for FY20.

To: The Honorable, the Cambridge City Council

From: Marc C. McGovern, Mayor

Date: May 31, 2018

Subject: Proposed Amendments to Policy Order #3

Subsequent to the introduction on Mon, May 21, of Council
Policy Order #3, "That the City Manager is requested to
create a structured commercial tax rate system for FY20 that
prioritizes lowering the tax rate for small businesses," our
Office has been in communication with the Director of
Assessment to build upon the purpose stated therein to
support a diverse, locally-owned small business ecosystem
by lowering costs to those proprietors. A potential program
that would allow the Assessing Department to take into
account landlords who are offering and maintaining below
market leases is being vetted through the appropriate
municipal and state departments.

In order to allow those conversations to continue, we have
been asked to amend the policy order in a way that grants
the City more flexibility in fulfilling the stated goals.
Attached are amendments which will be proposed at
Monday's meeting, and are submitted here to allow the
public an advance reading.

Sincerely,

Marc McGovern

Propose to Amend Policy Order #3 by substituting the
following:

WHEREAS: Cambridge's commercial tax rate of \$14.81
per thousand dollars of value is applied equally to all
commercial property owners (accounting for 65.4% of the
property tax levy for that year) regardless of their size,
applying a flat tax to the City's largest and smallest
businesses; and

WHEREAS: The City has been able to reduce the
commercial tax rate for five consecutive years, and
decreased the tax rate by 8.1% between FY17 and FY18;
and

WHEREAS: Landlords who might wish to offer and
maintain below market rate rents for their commercial
properties are still taxed on the property's assessed value,
removing any financial incentive for trying to keep rents
low for certain tenants; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has repeatedly heard about the challenges facing Cambridge's small business community and has voiced its commitment to supporting a diverse, locally-owned small business ecosystem; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Director of Assessment to draft a Home Rule Petition creating a program that takes into account landlords who are offering and maintaining below market leases and other means to lower costs for small businesses, and to report back to the Council on any progress prior to releasing next year's tax rate.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, June 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 5

12:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss an overview on car sharing. (Ackerman Room)

Wed, June 6

1:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the role and duties of the Police officer assigned to City Hall. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, June 7

2:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Street Performers Ordinance in section 12.16.170 in the Municipal code. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 11

5:30pm The City Council will hold a Roundtable/Working Meeting for the purpose of discussing Envision Cambridge. This meeting will be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 12

3:00pm Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 13

4:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive an update on the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. (Ackerman Room)

Mon, June 18

4:30pm 2018 Volunteer Awards Ceremony (Sullivan Chambers)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 19

3:00pm Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to review the whole licensing and permitting process and to discuss ways to make it more efficient. (Ackerman Room)

Wed, June 20

4:00pm The Economic Development & University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the

potential for a City-based Cannabis Social Equity Program, focusing on ways to reduce barriers to entry in the commercial Cannabis industry, particularly for women and minority-owned businesses; review best equity practices from other states; and promote sustainable, socially and economically reparative practices in the commercial Cannabis industry in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 26

3:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the City's Cyber Security Policy. (Ackerman Room)

Wed, June 27

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Zoning petition received from Douglas Brown et al to amend the zoning in Section 20.70 Flood Overlay district and the creation of a new Section 22.80 - Green Factor. This Hearing is to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues July 24

1:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive a follow-up on a response received from the City Manager on May 14, 2018 regarding electric vehicles and the originating Policy Order #6 adopted Jan 29, 2018 (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, July 30

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 4, 2018

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: On Feb 18, 2018, the Certificate of the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Allston I-90 Interchange project was issued; and

WHEREAS: The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs requested that MassDOT reconvene the Stakeholder Task Force, which includes Cambridge representatives, and confer with community representatives to ensure that the concerns and needs of all impacted communities are reflected in the design; and

WHEREAS: The Certificate called for continuing study and development of a "Preferred Alternative" from the State; and now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit the City's concerns about issues still to be resolved for the Allston I-90 Interchange project and urge that the stakeholder process be promptly reconvened to

review outstanding work to respond to the Certificate; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to communicate to MassDOT the issues requiring follow-up to the issuance of the I-90 Certificate that are pertinent to Cambridge, including access to and from Cambridge, noise, impact on parklands, and also about next steps in the development of the “Preferred Alternative”; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to transmit a suitably engrossed copy of this Order with comments to be provided by the City Manager and CDD to the office of Secretary Pollack, Secretary Beaton and the Cambridge State Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 June 4, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request for a street corner dedication in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. and Grace Barnes Way in the vicinity of Broadway and east of Clark 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-3 June 4, 2018

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Cambridge has repeatedly affirmed its commitment to serving residents experiencing homelessness with compassion and urgency, demonstrating that obligation recently by opening a [Winter Warming Center](#) in Central Square, making [public toilets](#) available, establishing an [Opioid Working Group](#) to advise the City Manager on the continuing health epidemic, and dedicating [\\$23.9 million](#) in FY19 to housing and homelessness; and

WHEREAS: Despite these efforts, Cambridge still has roughly 500 homeless individuals in our shelters and on our streets each night, deprived of basic human rights and lacking access to needed mental health services—conditions that hit homeless youth and families hardest; and

WHEREAS: Several bills making their way through Beacon Hill will give state agencies and municipalities new tools to combat homelessness and to ensure that every individual in Massachusetts, each endowed with certain unalienable rights, is treated fairly and with dignity; and

WHEREAS: [An Act Relative to Assisting Elders and People with Disabilities in the Commonwealth](#) (Bill H.2077 & Bill S.2039) would increase Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children Program, remove that 70 percent

benefit reduction for homeless individuals, and increase the allowable personal asset limit from \$250 to \$2,500; and
WHEREAS: [An Act Creating a Bill of Rights for People Experiencing Homelessness](#) (Bill H.695 & Bill S.46) would prevent discrimination based on housing status, and expand rights to move freely in public spaces, receive equal access to municipal services, and register to vote and to vote; and

WHEREAS: [An Act to Further Provide a Rental Arrearage Program](#) (Bill H.84) would reestablish a rental arrearage program for families, individuals, and unaccompanied youth with incomes up to 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines; and

WHEREAS: [An Act to Protect Families Experiencing Homelessness from Having to Sleep in Unsafe Places](#) (Bill H.659) opens access to Emergency Access for families without having to first demonstrate that they have stayed in places not meant for human habitation, policies that [An Act to End Child Homelessness](#) (Bill H.115) would also advance; and

WHEREAS: [An Act to Prevent Homelessness among Recipients of Transitional Assistance](#) (Bill H.114) provides stability to individuals and families through a new homelessness prevention and early intervention program within the Department of Transitional Assistance; and

WHEREAS: [An Act to Provide Identification to Homeless Youth and Families](#) (Bill H. 2737 & Bill S.1906) would make accessing a Massachusetts identification card easier for certain individuals experiencing homelessness by eliminating fees that some may find prohibitive; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council ardently supports the aforementioned bills awaiting action in the House and Senate, and requests its elected delegation in both bodies to actively work on moving these measures out of their respective committees and on toward adoption; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the members of Cambridge’s legislative delegation.

O-4 June 4, 2018

COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge welcomes many new residents each year, and there are both challenges and opportunities in moving to a new community; and

WHEREAS: There is no shortage of opportunities for new residents to get involved in Cambridge, but the City should look to create a unique opportunity to connect with newcomers to City government, encourage diversity in our public participation process, and foster a sense of community among new residents; and

WHEREAS: Cities in Massachusetts such as Lexington and Pittsfield have started “Citizens’ Academies”, which offer new residents in-person classes over a period of several

months that acclimate newcomers to City services, offer ways to get involved in municipal government, and educate about the opportunities that their new communities have to offer; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Community Development Department and any other relevant departments to explore starting a Citizens' Academy in Cambridge.

O-5 June 4, 2018

COUNCILLOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: August 2020 marks the centennial of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, granting women the right to vote in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a long, progressive history of women's suffrage, including granting women the right to vote in school committee elections in 1879; and

WHEREAS: Women in Cambridge were active participants in the suffrage movement, founding organizations like the Cambridge Political Equality Association, the Cambridge Woman Suffrage Association, and the Harvard Women Suffrage Campaign Committee, which fought for full enfranchisement of women until the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Political Equality Association and the Cambridge Woman Suffrage Association merged and later became the widely known Cambridge League of Women Voters; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge women involved in these organizations spearheaded a grassroots movement for their full right to the ballot by holding rallies, knocking on doors, and petitioning both the City and the legislature; and

WHEREAS: Despite the groundbreaking work of these women and their tireless efforts to gain the right to vote, there is no monument to their activism in the City, and while some existing City monuments appear to have female figures (the Irish Famine Monument on the Common, the Revolutionary silhouette figure at Fort Washington Park, and the Park Bench Group in the Pine Street Tot Lot), none of these figures represent an actual, historical woman, and there is currently no monument to the Cambridge Women's Suffrage movement; and

WHEREAS: The only physical reminder of the Cambridge Women's Suffrage movement, their headquarters at 560 Massachusetts Avenue, was demolished in 1925; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Historical Commission, the Cambridge Women's Commission, the Cambridge Arts Council, and the Community Development Department to commission a public art piece, statue, or memorial that

would commemorate the dedication of women in Cambridge to passing the Nineteenth Amendment; and be it further

ORDERED: That this project be completed by August of 2020, in time to celebrate the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment and women's suffrage; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council regarding the progress and timeline of this project in a timely manner.