

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on COVID-19 vaccination rollout.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2021: Jean Rogers (reappointment With Power), and Eric Williams (Without Power).
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Free Cash, to the Public Investment Fund School Department Extraordinary Expenditures account to conduct a comprehensive review and assessment of our older elementary school buildings in the City.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY21 Massachusetts Cultural District Grant made by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) in the amount of \$7,500 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will supports District-based initiatives that drive economic growth and strengthen the distinctive character of the Central Square Cultural District.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY21 Local Cultural Council grant made by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) in the amount of \$28,500 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support the Arts Council's Artist Grant Program which provides financial grant opportunities and partnership from Cambridge Arts.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request for authorization of a spending limit of \$1,900,000 for Fiscal Year 2022, for the Renewable Energy and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction revolving fund (Revolving Fund), pursuant to Chapter 3.24 of the Municipal Ordinance titled "Departmental Revolving Funds".  
Agenda Item Number 6 June 21, 2021  
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record authorizing a spending limit of \$1,900,000 for Fiscal Year 2022 for the Renewable Energy and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Revolving Fund, pursuant to Chapter 3.24 of the Cambridge Municipal Ordinance entitled: Departmental Revolving Fund.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant in the amount of \$641,639 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Program to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$602,925) and to the Salary & Wages account (\$38,714)

which will be used for development activities and administration of the HOME program.

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-37, regarding renaming the Central Square Library. [[June 21, 2021 Law Department response](#)]
9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$280,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Law Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to cover unanticipated increases in costs relating to legal matters handled by outside counsel legal services, stenographers and court reporters, constable services, consultants and experts, as well as filing fees and related costs in matters pending in courts and/or administrative bodies.
10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$65,019,211, received from the U.S. Department of Treasury through the new Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), to the Grant Fund Finance Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to .....

## ON THE TABLE

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-13, regarding next steps on implementation of Universal Pre-K. [PLACED ON THE TABLE IN COUNCIL MAY 17, 2021]

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to proposed amendments to the Tree Protection Ordinance. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING ON JUNE 14, 2021; TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER JUNE 28, 2021]
4. Live Acoustic Entertainment Ordinance. [PASSED TO SECOND READING IN COUNCIL JUNE 7, 2021; TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER JUNE 21, 2021]
5. Amending City Council Rules for Remote Participation. [ADOPTED IN COUNCIL JUNE 14, 2021; MUST BE ADOPTED AGAIN IN COUNCIL JUNE 21, 2021 PURSUANT OF RULE 36B]
6. ORDINANCE 2021-8 Cannabis Delivery Zoning Amendments. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING ON JUNE 14, 2021; TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER JUNE 28, 2021]

## APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Linda Slauenwhite, representing Starbucks, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 11 First Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services,

Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and no abutter response proof of mailing has been provided.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Lamar Smith, regarding an incident report on Aug 23, 2020.
2. A communication was received from Andrey Piplica, regarding Against the Missing Middle Housing Petition.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Arthur Grant. Councillor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of Rosa Maria (Carreiro) Fagundes. Councillor Toomey

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to determine the feasibility of establishing a pilot reparations program that would take a to-be-determined percentage of revenue from local cannabis sales and distribute these monies to local Black-owned businesses and to economic empowerment applicants. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Nolan
2. That the City Council go on record in favor of filing of the attached Home Rule Petition entitled: ANACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO INCLUDE A BALLOT QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 MUNICIPAL BALLOT RELATIVE TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Carlone
3. That the City Manager is hereby requested to work with the appropriate departments and building contractors to reconsider the current plan which eliminates many trees including large old growth trees that are not part of the new building footprint and specifically do everything possible to save the three Oak trees on the west side of the property and any other large trees on the site. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with all appropriate City Departments to issue a second RFP that will work in conjunction with the current RFP, to assess the feasibility of building housing above the Central Square Library, and this RFP should include information on funding possibilities. Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Ordinance Committee met on Mar 10, 2021 to continue discussion on the Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition.
  - A. Motion to amend the Home Rule Petition by substitution with the amendments recommended by the Ordinance Committee
  - B. That the Cambridge City Council pass the attached Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler

- C. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Law Department to draft an amendment to the "Transfer Fee Home Rule petition" that sets a threshold of the purchase price at "not less than \$1,000,000" and further to ask the Solicitor for a recommendation about how best to direct the funds generated by the fee to home ownership production. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui

## COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui and Councillor Simmons transmitting information about the community process for changing the name of Agassiz / Neighborhood 8. [[Agassiz neighborhood Council letter](#)]
2. A communication was received from Mayor, Sumbul Siddiqui, communicating information from the School Committee.
3. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting questions for the COVID-19 Update.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, June 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, June 22

3:00pm The Public Safety Committee will meet to discuss various items related to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance, including CMA 2021 #41 regarding data on Shotspotter, BRIC and COPLINK.

### Wed, June 23

5:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on a communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the first Cycling Safety Ordinance report which analyzes the block-by-block impacts of installing quick-build separated bike lanes on four specific segments of Massachusetts Avenue, as identified in Section 12.22.040(E) of the ordinance.

### Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, June 29

11:00am The Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee will meet to discuss the hiring of the next City Manager.

### Wed, June 30

11:00am The Human Services Committee will conduct a public hearing on Wed, June 30, 2021 at 11:00am to discuss after school programming for the fall.

### Wed, July 21

2:00pm The Public Safety Committee and the Economic Development & University Relations Committee will meet jointly to hear from Saskia VannJames, President of the Massachusetts Recreational Consumer Council, on the importance of cannabis cooperatives and their potential role in the equitable development of Cambridge's emerging recreational cannabis industry.

### Mon, Aug 2

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

## TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 21, 2021

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: For generations, cities across the country have grappled with how to adequately redress the historic injustices carried out against people of color throughout our country's history, and the negative impacts that continue to ripple across our society due to the harmful, shameful institution of slavery; and

WHEREAS: Our country's original sin was set in motion in 1619 when the first individuals were forcibly taken from Africa and forced into slave labor in Point Comfort, Virginia, and this unconscionable practice would be allowed to fester and grow for more than two centuries before President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 (and even then, slavery was not *fully* abolished across the country [until the Civil War formally ended](#) in 1865); and

WHEREAS: As noted by the [Evanston, IL City Council](#) in 2002, "...uncompensated slave labor was the primary [labor] source throughout the colonies...for clearing and cultivating land, planting and harvesting crops, and providing artisanal products" and that "...35 million African Americans currently in the United States are direct descendants of slaves brought to the New World beginning 400 years ago;" and

WHEREAS: In 2019, the Evanston City Council [laid the groundwork](#) for a first-of-its-kind initiative designed to provide reparations to the descendants of those who were enslaved in this country, [utilizing tax revenues from the burgeoning marijuana industry](#) in Illinois to fund payments of \$25,000 to 16 eligible Black residents to be put towards [homeownership and generational equity-building](#); and

WHEREAS: As the national debate over the concept of reparations continues to be held, pilot programs like the one being piloted in Evanston, IL [may point the way toward a viable means](#) of beginning to address the unconscionable wrongs perpetrated by this country centuries ago, and which continue to negatively impact millions of people today; and

WHEREAS: As the Evanston Model is not the only model worthy of consideration, the City of Cambridge could emulate that program's spirit with an initiative that takes some of the revenues from local cannabis sales and distributes these funds among, and to lift up, economic empowerment applicants and non-cannabis Black-owned businesses, with the hope that this could be expanded if found to be successful; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to determine the feasibility of establishing a pilot reparations program that would take a to-be-determined percentage of revenue from local cannabis sales and distribute these monies to local Black-owned businesses and to economic empowerment applicants, with a targeted launch date of July 2022; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is also requested to direct the appropriate City staff to determine the feasibility of establishing reparations programs with funding from other appropriate sources for possible future implementation to redress policies, including those enforced in Cambridge, that prohibited descendants of enslaved people from acquiring wealth, thereby contributing to the unconscionable median net worth of \$8 for Boston area American born Blacks compared to \$247,000 for white families; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on any progress made toward this endeavor by October 4, 2021.

O-2 June 21, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, which adopted the Plan E Charter in 1940, has not once held a formal review process to consider revisions, making it one of the only municipalities in Massachusetts to go 80 years without reviewing its most important legal document; and

WHEREAS: On July 27th, 2020, the City Council unanimously passed a [Policy Order](#) asking the Mayor to call a Special Meeting for the Collins Center for Public Management to present to the Council on the process and benefits of charter review; and

WHEREAS: [The Special Meeting](#) on September 23, 2020, discussed charter review and options for charter change, which was followed by a [policy order](#) requesting an appropriation, which led to two [memos](#) produced by the Collins Center outlining the processes for charter review and reform, including specific discussion of reviewing the appointment process for multiple member boards, instituting an annual review of the City Manager and instituting a regularly scheduled charter review; and

WHEREAS: Memos outlining possible changes to the charter based on the Collins Center review project, which included interviewing all Councillors, were on the City Council [meeting agenda](#) on March 22, 2021, on the [meeting agenda](#) on May 3, 2021, and were the sole topic of the [Special Meeting](#) on June 2, 2021, whose purpose was the charter review and possible change; and

WHEREAS: Several ideas for possible charter changes were [discussed](#) at the Special Meeting, with the public and the City Council able to express opinions on the possible paths laid out by the Collins Center memo; and

WHEREAS: In many cities and towns in Massachusetts, the charter is reviewed and updated at regular intervals; and

WHEREAS: In many cities and towns in Massachusetts, including [Watertown](#), [Somerville](#), [Newton](#), [Chelsea](#), [Framingham](#), [Amherst](#), and [Northampton](#), the City or Town Council has a role in appointing and/or approving department heads and/or multiple-member boards; and

WHEREAS: The City has the [authority](#) to submit a home rule petition to adopt or revise its charter or to amend its existing charter by special act; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record favoring the filing of the attached Home Rule Petition entitled: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO INCLUDE A BALLOT QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 MUNICIPAL BALLOT RELATIVE TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER.

SECTION 1. The Charter of the City of Cambridge is hereby amended by special act to add the following to the City's existing Plan E Charter at General Laws Chapter 43, which was adopted pursuant to its acceptance of the provisions of General Laws Chapter 43, Sections 93-116, Section 105 on Appointments:

*The City Manager shall refer to the City Council and simultaneously file with the Clerk the name of each person the City Manager desires to appoint or reappoint as a member of a board or commission. Appointment of a member of a board or commission made by the City Manager will be effective upon a majority vote of the city council, which vote shall occur within 30 days after the date on which notice of the proposed appointment was filed with the City Clerk. The appointment may be approved or rejected by a majority of the full City Council before 30 days.*

SECTION 2. The Charter of the City of Cambridge is hereby amended by a special act adding a new Subsection 116 (a) to the City's existing Plan E Charter, which was adopted pursuant to its acceptance of the provisions of General Laws Chapter 43, Sections 93-116 on City Manager Review:

*Annually the City Council shall prepare and deliver to the City Manager a written review of the City Manager's performance in a manner provided by ordinance.*

SECTION 3. The Charter of the City of Cambridge is hereby amended by a special act by adding the following new Subsection 116 (b) to the City's existing Plan E Charter, which was adopted pursuant to its acceptance of the provisions of General Laws Chapter 43, Sections 93-116 on Charter Review:

*Not later than July 1, in each year ending in a 2, the City Council shall provide for a review to be made of the city charter by a special committee to be established by ordinance. All members of the special committee shall be voters of the city not holding elective office. The special committee shall file a report with the City Council within 1 year of its appointment recommending any changes to the city charter which it deems necessary or desirable, unless an extension is authorized by vote of the City Council. Action on any proposed charter changes shall be as authorized by the Massachusetts constitution or general laws.*

SECTION 4. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Cambridge at the upcoming municipal elections on November 2, 2021 in the form of the following questions which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used at said election. If the changes are approved by a majority of valid ballots voting yes, they would go into effect as of January 1, 2022.

Should amendments to the City's Plan E Charter, Section 105 of Chapter 43, be made, by special act providing for the City Council to confirm appointments of the City Manager to the City's boards and commissions which confirmation is not currently required?  
YES\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Should amendments to the City's Plan E Charter be made by special act providing for the City Council to establish a process for an annual review of the City Manager's performance? YES\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Should amendments to the City's Plan E Charter be made by special act providing for the City Council to establish a process for review every 10 years to be made of the City's Plan E Charter by an appointed committee of voters per City Council Ordinance?  
YES\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Below said question shall appear a brief summary of the act prepared by the city solicitor.

If the voters at the municipal election approve the question, then this act shall be applicable to the city as of January 1, 2022, but not otherwise.

SECTION 5. This act shall be effective upon its passage.

O-3 June 21, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: A recently released [report](#) on the Tobin Montessori and Vassal Lane Upper School plan detailed the removal of 94 of the existing 129 trees on the site; and

WHEREAS: Under the list of proposed removals include three, old growth Oak trees, that are well outside the footprint of the building plans on the west side of the property; and are not included on the city's [list of trees to be removed due to decline](#); and

WHEREAS: While the plans include the appropriate replacement trees as required by city ordinance, and there will be no reduction in total tree diameter, under the current plan the canopy on the site would decrease by 79%; and

WHEREAS: The three Oak trees on the west side of the property are three of the largest on the property, and make up nearly 25% of the total canopy loss; and

WHEREAS: Additionally, saving those three Oak trees would prevent the City from needing to plant 23 replacement trees to fulfill the diameter requirements; and

WHEREAS: The City should lead by example and do everything possible to save existing trees, especially those that are outside of the planned building footprint; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with the appropriate departments and building contractors to reconsider the current plan which eliminates many trees including large old growth trees that are not part of the new building footprint and specifically do everything possible to save the three Oak trees on the west side of the property and any other large trees on the site.

O-4 June 21, 2021

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is pursuing an RFP to assess plans to improve programming and the physical building of the Cambridge Public Library in Central Square; and

WHEREAS: This is an opportunity to not only re-envision the library itself, but to consider building atop the library to provide much needed affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: It was determined that rather than expanding the current RFP, it would be best to issue a new RFP to address possible housing options; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all appropriate City Departments to issue a second RFP that will work in conjunction with the current RFP, to assess the feasibility of building housing above the Central Square Library, and this RFP should include information on funding possibilities; and be it further

ORDERED: That this RFP also include the feasibility of building housing above the Green Street Garage.