

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Homeland Security Grant from the City of Boston for \$23,039.61 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account. The City has received this grant as reimbursement for trainings performed in conjunction with the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and will cover the City's costs for participation in the trainings.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Summer Food Program grant funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Massachusetts Department of Education for \$193,298 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salaries and Wages account (\$10,000) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$183,298) which will be used to provide nutritious meals to Cambridge youth at 26 sites throughout the City during the summer months when schools are closed.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant for the College Success Program (CSI) from the Cambridge Community Foundation for \$15,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to support part of the salary costs associated with a college success coach who will provide individualized college coaching for students attending UMass Boston and for graduates of the Community Learning Center's Bridge to College program and YouthBuild's program who attend Bunker Hill Community College.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-54, regarding 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.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-11, regarding the feasibility of eliminating the use of plastic water bottles at City and School events.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Regional Action Grant program in the amount of \$350,000 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account. The grant was submitted by Cambridge on behalf of the Resilient Mystic Collaborative (RMC), which is a 14-member municipal partnership working on watershed-scale climate resiliency in the Mystic Watershed and will allow the Collaborative to identify and pursue site-specific green infrastructure opportunities in the individual communities for regional stormwater management and evaluate additional flood management strategies to mitigate precipitation flooding from the 10-year storm event in 2070.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-65, regarding a report on the availability of menstrual products in all restrooms.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-79, regarding rubbish handling at Comeau Field and McCrehan Memorial Swimming pool.
9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-16, regarding a report on the Super Sunday road race and whether proper procedures were followed in issuing permits and notifying neighbors.
10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$150,000 from excess FY19 parking fund revenue to the Public Investment Traffic and Parking Department Extraordinary Expenditures account, to establish 20 Mile Per Hour (MPH) Safety Zones on primarily local access streets across the City.
11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Planning Board not to adopt the New Street Overlay District Zoning Petition.
12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-18, regarding a report on regular project updates from the GSA and MITIMCO on the new Volpe Center.
13. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-57, regarding Charlie Card availability at public buildings.
14. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-130 regarding working with the Chair of the Civic Unity Committee, the Director of the Cambridge Library, the Director of 22-CityView, the Director of the Women's Commission, and any other appropriate City personnel to begin planning for a public discussion in recognition of 100 Years of Women's Suffrage.

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. 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]
4. An application was received from East Boston Savings Bank, requesting permission for one internal illuminating projecting sign and four awnings at the premises numbered 1739 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A petition was received from Elmendorf Baking Supplies, regarding three table and 6 chairs at the location of 594 Cambridge Street. No alcohol being served. The proposed date of June 26, 2019 thru Oct 31, 2019 with a start time of 7:00am and end time of 8:00pm.
2. A petition was received from Formaggio Kitchen, regarding three tables, 6 chairs, BBQ grill, condiments table and BBQ sides table setup in Loading Zone of 244 Huron Avenue. The proposed date of June 29, 2019 thru May 17, 2020 with a start time of 9:00am and end time of 4:00pm.
3. An application was received from Paul Lee requesting permission for two temporary banners across 795 Massachusetts Avenue and JFK at Mt Auburn Streets announcing Taste of Cambridge thru July 1, 2019 thru July 16., 2019.
4. An application was received from Eric Jonash, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 34 Fairfield 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.
5. An application was received from Arne Abramson, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 55 Broadway; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Dan Eisner, 6 Bristol Street, regarding approval the Sullivan Courthouse parking disposition.
2. A communication was received from Gregg Moree, 25 Fairfield Street, regarding several issues he needs the Cambridge Police Department's help rectifying.

3. A communication was received from Terry Murphy, 107 Gore Street, regarding support of the Sullivan Courthouse redevelopment.
4. A communication was received from Lyn Kardatzke, 20 Second Street, regarding support of the Sullivan Courthouse redevelopment.
5. A communication was received from Phil Rinehart, 17 Otis Street, regarding feedback from the First Street Parking-Study public meeting.
6. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, 15 Laurel Street, regarding the Courthouse in East Cambridge.
7. A communication was received from Jonathan Harris, 9 Marie Avenue, regarding the Newport Construction contract.
8. A communication was received from Doug and Rebecca Castoldi, 82 Otis Street, regarding support for 1st Street garage.
9. A communication was received from Christopher Schmidt, 17 Laurel Street, regarding the Sullivan Courthouse parking disposition.
10. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, regarding Future of the First Street Garage – First Street Area Parking Planning Study - Final Report.
11. A communication was received from Ilan Levy, Vice President, ECPT, regarding DCAMM's failure to maintain the Sullivan Courthouse property.
12. A communication was received from Ladan Khamsi, 29 Otis Street, regarding the Sullivan Courthouse project.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Professor Ifeanyi Menkiti. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Kelley
2. Thanks to Jason Weeks for his work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
3. Thanks to Lisa Peterson for her work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
4. Thanks to Khalil Mogassabi for his work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
5. Thanks to Afiyah Harrigan for her work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
6. Thanks to Olivia D'Ambrosio for her work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
7. Thanks to David De Celis for his work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
8. Thanks to Peter DiMuro for his work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
9. Thanks to Sarah Gallop for her work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
10. Thanks to Eryn Johnson for her work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern

11. Thanks to Christopher Hope for his work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
12. Thanks to Kristina Latino for her work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
13. Thanks to Katherine Shozawa for her work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
14. Thanks to Michael Monestime for his work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
15. Thanks to Jero Nesson for his work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
16. Thanks to James Pierre for his work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
17. Thanks to Geeta Pradhan for her work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
18. Thanks to Ellen Shakespear for her work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
19. Thanks to Kelly Sherman for her work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
20. Thanks to Ben Simon for his work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
21. Thanks to Liz Walker for her work on the Mayor's Arts Task Force. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern, Vice Mayor Devereux
22. Congratulations to Will Sutton and Meron Tefera on the occasion of their upcoming marriage. Councillor Toomey
23. Resolution on the death of Jose Da Estrela. Councillor Toomey
24. Resolution on the death of Anita Greenwald. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the City Hall building staff to identify a suitable location other than the Sullivan Chamber where the state flag may be displayed in compliance with state law. Mayor McGovern, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan
5. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, Assessor's Office, and the City Solicitor's Office on developing a Vacant Storefront Registration Policy. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Mallon, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan
6. City Council support of H585 and S256: An Act to Promote Student Nutrition. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the MBTA with the view in mind of increasing the bus service along Concord Avenue. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mallon
8. City Council support of H.3800 and S.2004 regarding Property Assessed Clean Energy. Councillor Zondervan
9. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate departments to make publicly available any existing data on Cambridge's total greenhouse gas emissions between 2012 and 2018. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone
10. That the City Manager is requested to explain how Newport Construction was selected to work on the Inman Square redesign despite the serious allegations pending against them in Somerville. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Carlone

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Department of Public Works to identify whether a Bluebikes station may be located in the proximity of Rafferty Park or elsewhere in the general vicinity. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, the Department of Public Works and the Animal Commission to consider the cost and feasibility of improvements to the Danehy Dog Park. Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Mallon
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department and the City Solicitor to draft a zoning amendment that will count a portion of a new or substantially renovated building's rooftop mechanicals (excluding solar installations) toward its allowed height and/or FAR. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan

11. That the City Council joins the Mayor's letter to HUD Secretary Benjamin Carson communicating opposition to proposed changes to Housing and Community Development Act of 1980. Mayor McGovern
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Finance and Department of Human Services to explore options for incorporating additional line items in the FY20 Budget to allocate supplemental funds for legal aid services, housing stabilization and tenant education and organizing to prevent displacement and address its ramifications on Cambridge residents and families. Councillor Siddiqui, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Mallon

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk, Paula M. Crane, transmitting a memorandum from Councillor Kelley regarding CPSD Public Participation.
2. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk Paula M. Crane transmitting a communication from

Councillor Mallon, transmitting notes for the meeting of the ninth and last meeting of the Mayor's Arts Task.

3. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk Paula M. Crane from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting a memorandum regarding Establishing the Equitable Regulation of the Cannabis Industry in the City of Cambridge.
4. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk Paula M. Crane from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting a memorandum regarding concerns about Recording and Transcription Services.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, June 24

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

Tues, June 25

- 1:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Affordable Housing Trust's recommendations for the City's Inclusionary Housing Program's preferences on selecting residents for available units. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))
- 3:30pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the future electricity needs of the Kendall Square area and progress toward identifying an alternate, viable location for a new substation other than the proposed site on Fulkerson Street. (Ackerman Room)

Wed, June 26

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a petition received from Self Storage Group, LLC to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a New Street Overlay District. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Thurs, June 27

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussions on a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code to add a new Chapter 5.50 entitled "Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance." (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Tues, July 2

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create an Affordable Housing Overlay District. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Mon, July 8

12:00pm The Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a report from the City Manager and City Solicitor on proposals for a "Cambridge Publicly Financed Municipal Election Program," a "Cambridge Municipal Election People's Pledge," and to discuss the feasibility of convening a task

force or working group to discuss publicly financed elections in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Thurs, July 11

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the refiled petition from Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. to amend the Zoning Ordinance in Article 20 to add at the end thereof the creation of a Grand Junction Pathway Overlay District. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Wed, July 24

2:00pm The Transportation & Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive information about the draft Policy and Regulations for Small Cell Wireless Installations on Public Ways under consideration by the Pole & Conduit Commission and the Historical Commission. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Mon, July 29

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

Wed, Sept 11

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

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 24, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Bluebikes riders seeking to travel to and from locations in the Alewife Quad or Cambridge Highlands neighborhood do not have a station at which to pick up or drop off bikes; and

WHEREAS: Bluebikes stations may be added with future developments in the Quad but that is likely to be years away and the distances between these future development sites are considerable; and

WHEREAS: Bicycle and pedestrian connectivity between the City's green spaces is a particular priority for the shared bicycle system and a planning priority identified in the Envision Cambridge process; and

WHEREAS: Rafferty Park is a public green space that is centrally located within this part of the City; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department, Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Department of Public Works to identify whether a Bluebikes station may be located in the proximity of

Rafferty Park or elsewhere in the general vicinity as soon as possible; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a response to this matter by the summer meeting on July 29, 2019.

O-2 June 24, 2019
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The dog park at Danehy Park is one of only three dedicated, permanent, fully enclosed off-leash areas in the entire city; and

WHEREAS: Danehy Dog Park has been very well-used since its opening more than a decade ago, even more so with the growing number of residents living in pet-friendly buildings in the Alewife area and with the city's overall population growth; and

WHEREAS: Danehy Dog Park has not had major improvements since its opening, and with each cycle of Participatory Budgeting (including the current one) there have been many suggestions and much popular support for new features that would help the dog park better serve the needs of both dogs and their human companions; and

WHEREAS: Residents with dogs have expressed a strong desire for lighting to make the Danehy Dog Park usable in the early mornings and evenings during seasons with shorter days, as well as to make it feel safer for all users since it is located in a fairly secluded area; and

WHEREAS: Some best practice design suggestions to consider include: agility-play features like ramps, small hills, tunnels and platforms to engage active dogs; more shade and sheltered seating for people accompanying dogs; a slightly elevated water trough to replace bowls that tend to get flipped over; a separate fenced area for optional water play; a larger enclosed "foyer" to help new dogs safely enter without being swarmed by other dogs; repairs to the gate that leads to the puppy pen; a concrete pad with a hose where a dog can be rinsed off; a regraded terrain and different surface materials so huge puddles do not form; and

WHEREAS: Overall the design of the Danehy Dog Park lacks imagination and could be greatly improved with a more innovative and thoughtful redesign (see concepts in the attachments and in these examples); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is work with the Community Development Department, the Department of Public Works and the Animal Commission to consider the cost and feasibility of these suggestions and report back to the City Council with a plan of action by this fall.

O-3 June 24, 2019
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
WHEREAS: Bulky rooftop mechanicals can raise the actual height of new buildings by 40' or more; and
WHEREAS: The additional massing of rooftop mechanicals is not counted toward the allowed height or density (FAR) in our zoning, yet their presence brings additional impacts including noise and shadows, and their bulk mars the view shed; and
WHEREAS: In New York City, the City Council recently voted to limit mechanical floors; if they are taller than 25' they will count toward the building's allowable square footage; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department and the City Solicitor to draft a zoning amendment that will count a portion of a new or substantially renovated building's rooftop mechanicals (excluding solar installations) toward its allowed height and/or FAR; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager report back on this no later than the City Council meeting on Sept 9, 2019.

O-4 June 24, 2019
MAYOR MCGOVERN
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
WHEREAS: On Apr 4, 2016, the City Council unanimously adopted [Policy Order #1](#) to go on record asking the Massachusetts State Legislature to review the symbolism of the Official Seal of Massachusetts to determine whether it may be perpetuating or promoting hurtful symbolism; and
WHEREAS: On May 13, 2019, the City Council unanimously adopted [Policy Order #3](#) in support of [Resolve H.2776: Resolve providing for the creation of a special commission relative to the seal and motto of the Commonwealth](#); and
WHEREAS: The special commission created by Resolve H.2776 would investigate and recommend changes to the State Flag and Seal of the Commonwealth and would include members of the legislature and representatives of Native Nations of Massachusetts, among others; and
WHEREAS: During the public comment period at the May 13, 2019 City Council meeting, the City Council heard much emotional testimony from members of the Native American community and others that the symbolism on the state flag is a painful reminder of the history of oppression and genocide indigenous peoples suffered at the hands of the colonists; and
WHEREAS: During the Council's discussion of Policy Order #3 on May 13, 2019, a question was raised as to whether the state flag is legally required to be displayed in the Sullivan

Chamber, or if it could be displayed elsewhere in City Hall;
and

WHEREAS: According to the City Solicitor, state law does not specify where in the City's main or administrative building the flag of the Commonwealth must be displayed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the City Hall building staff to identify a suitable location other than the Sullivan Chamber where the state flag may be displayed in compliance with state law, and to report back by the summer meeting of July 29, 2019.

O-5 June 24, 2019
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR MALLON
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: According to the Cambridge Community Development Department's April 2019 Cambridge Ground Floor Vacancy Database, a total of nine storefronts city-wide are listed as having remained vacant for 4+ years, and five for 2+ years, with Harvard Square containing the greatest number of total vacancies at 17; and

WHEREAS: There are many causes for these vacancies, whether it be the forced displacement of small business owners due to inability to sustain increasingly unaffordable rents, or a landlord's decision to hold out for a higher-paying tenant, or simply a lack of investment or neglect on behalf of property owners, many of whom do not reside in Cambridge and may own multiple retail properties across many locations; and

WHEREAS: The increase in both the number and longevity of storefront vacancies negatively impacts those businesses currently operating in our Squares, and can turn previously vibrant retail districts into blighted areas; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the public for the City to mitigate long term storefront vacancies through the development of more specific definitions and targeted regulations; and

WHEREAS: At the Apr 30, 2019 meeting of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee, the Cambridge Community Development Department presented on its recommendations for what might be included in such a policy, which was followed by a discussion amongst the committee members, city staff, community stakeholders and business associations, of the potential interventions presented, their benefits and drawbacks, and additional innovative solutions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department, Assessor's Office, and the City Solicitor's Office on developing a Vacant Storefront Registration Policy, incorporating in its language the recommendations

discussed at the Apr 30, 2019 meeting of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee, such as enacting a requirement that any ground floor retail property vacant for a time period of 1-2 years register with the City, regardless of whether the storefront has been intermittently activated, and possible avenues for incentivizing or otherwise enforcing compliance with such a requirement; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department to ensure the involvement of Cambridge's small business community throughout this process, providing opportunities for input on the content, language and potential implications of any drafted policy prior to its enactment; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Economic Development and University Relations Committee on the matters above by its next hearing to be scheduled in September 2019.

O-6 June 24, 2019
COUNCILLOR MALLON
MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The prevention of childhood hunger and proper nutrition have been the subject of national attention due to controversies over school lunch debt; and

WHEREAS: For low income students who don't qualify for the free lunch program, paying the cost of school lunch, even at the reduced price, is either unattainable or causes them to go into debt; and

WHEREAS: [H585](#) and [S256](#), *An Act to Promote Student Nutrition*, has been introduced in both the House and Senate to ensure that all students, regardless of income, can access school lunch without going into debt; and

WHEREAS: The bill makes all school districts which absorb the cost of reduced lunch eligible for reimbursement by the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

WHEREAS: The bill expands the number of students eligible for the free lunch program to include students under the guardianship of non-parents, students whose families receive SSI, special needs students formerly in foster care, and all students in school districts with 60% or more students already qualifying for the free lunch program; and

WHEREAS: The bill prevents employees, agents, and volunteers of school districts from taking retaliatory action against students solely due to unpaid meal debt, such as: denying students meals as a form of punishment, disposing of already served meals, serving alternative meals, or barring the student from extracurriculars, barring the student from graduation; and

WHEREAS: Ending childhood hunger and promoting childhood nutrition, especially in schools, are essential for the physical and emotional wellbeing of a child, as well as the academic success of students; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of H585 ad S256: *An Act to Promote Student Nutrition*, introduced by Senator Cynthia Stone Creem and Representative Andres Vargas; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the members of the Cambridge Legislative Delegation, as well as chairs of the Joint Committee on Education, Senator Jason Lewis and Representative Alice Peisch on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 June 24, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The stretch of Concord Avenue from the Belmont/Cambridge line to the Fresh Pond Rotary has seen an increase in development, with future commercial and residential development taking place; and

WHEREAS: Bus service along Concord Avenue has been reduced in recent years; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is working diligently to reduce car emissions and to promote public transit and the reduction in service along this line has made it more difficult for residents and workers to commute efficiently; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the MBTA with the view in mind of increasing the bus service along Concord Avenue.

O-8 June 24, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Improving energy efficiency and reducing the climate-destroying emissions created by existing buildings is critical to our efforts to combat climate change; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's [Net Zero Action Plan](#) contains many strategies for reducing emissions from the built sector to zero; and

WHEREAS: Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing is an [important mechanism](#) to facilitate energy efficiency upgrades in buildings; and

WHEREAS: [H.3800](#) amends the statewide commercial PACE program to better achieve the desired objectives of facilitating energy efficiency upgrades in buildings; and

WHEREAS: [S.2004](#) would establish a statewide PACE program for residential buildings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of H.3800 and S.2004; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Representative Golden, Senator Pacheco, Representative Eldridge, and Representative Ciccolo, lead sponsors of these efforts, as well as Governor Baker and Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Kathleen A. Theoharides.

O-9 June 24, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Until recently, Cambridge's community wide greenhouse gas emissions goal was an 80% reduction (from 1990 levels) by 2050; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge recently joined with other regional municipalities in committing to a more aggressive goal of net zero emissions by 2050, meaning no net emissions over the course of one year; and

WHEREAS: The latest UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) [report](#) indicates a goal of 45% reduction in GHG by 2030 (over 2010 levels) is necessary; and

WHEREAS: We cannot set meaningful emissions goals without regularly updated community-wide emissions data, and the latest community-wide Greenhouse Gas Inventory is [from 2012](#); and

WHEREAS: The city had announced [on its website](#) that a second inventory would be completed in 2018, but the data has not yet been made available; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate departments to make publicly available any existing data on Cambridge's total greenhouse gas emissions between 2012 and 2018; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide these reports to the City Council on an annual basis going forward; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter as soon as possible but no later than Sept 9, 2019.

O-10 June 24, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Newport Construction was [announced](#) as the chosen vendor to complete the redesign of Inman Square; and

WHEREAS: The Somerville City Council is currently contemplating the possibility of declaring Newport Construction to be "not a responsible bidder" for a period of 5 years due in part to a 2017 [incident](#) in which the contractor cut down a large number of mature trees on the southern section of Beacon Street without notifying the city beforehand, including several trees that were planned to survive the construction; and

WHEREAS: Newport Construction cannot be trusted to carry out this project in a safe manner based on their past performance just down the street from Inman Square; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explain how Newport Construction was selected to work on this project despite the serious allegations pending against them in Somerville; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inform the City Council about how the downside risk of employing Newport Construction is being managed; and be it further

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

O-11 June 24, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

RESOLVED: That the City Council joins the Mayor's attached letter to HUD Secretary Benjamin Carson communicating opposition to proposed changes to Housing and Community Development Act of 1980: Verification of Eligible Status due to the harmful effects it would have to Immigrant families, particularly children, and the community at large.

O-12 June 24, 2019

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: In accordance with its mission to provide critical guidance to the City of Cambridge on mitigating the effects of housing instability and displacement, the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Tenant Displacement has sought to identify both where the greatest funding needs exist in fighting and preventing displacement, as well as potential opportunities for acquiring additional funding sources; and

WHEREAS: In anticipation of its comprehensive report of final recommendations for policy change and resource allocation, the Tenant Displacement Task Force presents below the following which have come to its attention:

- Due to cuts in federal funding for elder (60+) services, Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services is no longer able to fund the support services it provides to Cambridge's growing population of elders facing eviction from private housing, and additionally lacks the grant funding flexibility to support those voucher-holders who have been displaced from our community in returning to Cambridge; and
- De Novo Center for Justice and Healing, formerly Community Legal Services and Counseling Center, provides on-location legal aid support at the Middlesex Session of Eastern Housing Court and every Friday at Cambridge District Court through its 'Lawyer for the Day' Housing Clinic program, coordinated by one of De Novo's part-time attorneys; and

- Transition House provides critical services and transitional housing to Cambridge residents who have experienced DV/IPV and subsequently displacement or eviction from their homes or are otherwise seeking shelter and safety from their perpetrator, and, due to the extremely limited supply of transitional housing and family shelter, particularly for survivors, in Cambridge, many of these residents are forced to seek shelter outside of the City; and
 - The Task Force's Education Working Group has been developing a plan for a series of tenant workshops, and identified The Alliance of Cambridge Tenants (ACT)--that collective body of tenants and activists allied to organize and advocate specifically on behalf of tenants' rights in the City of Cambridge—as a critical partner in the establishment and implementation of this series; and
- WHEREAS: The Tenant Displacement Task Force therefore recommends that additional city funds be allocated to sponsor the following:

- Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services to expand its services to elder residents, increase the number of office hours it currently provides at the Cambridge Multi-Service Center and serve ~ 30 more resident cases each year; and
- De Novo Center for Justice and Healing to sustain its "Lawyer-A-Day" program and continue providing much-needed support to those lacking representation at housing court; and
- Transition House to hire a "Housing Stability Coordinator" who would serve to both stabilize tenancies and provide mobile case management to more effectively serve the immense need of displaced DV/ IPV survivors for support in finding housing in Cambridge; and
- A partnership between the City of Cambridge and the Alliance of Cambridge Tenants (ACT) that would serve to fund a series of educational workshops and resources for tenants, as well as support the continuation of the critical services and advocacy ACT provides for this City's residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Finance and Department of Human Services to explore options for incorporating additional line items in the FY20 Budget to allocate supplemental funds for legal aid services, housing stabilization and tenant education and organizing to prevent displacement and address its ramifications on Cambridge residents and families; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on the matter of these allocations by September 2019.