

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointments of the following persons as member of the Human Rights Commissioner for a term of three years, effective July 27, 2020: Bonita Cox, Mercedes Evans, Joshua Stadlan, Sabrina Selk and Kathryn Stack
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a new member of the Board of Trustees of the Cambridge Health Alliance to fill a vacated seat representing Somerville from July 21, 2020 through June 30, 2022: Bryan Simmons
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Surveillance Technology Impact Report for electronic poll pads, requested by the Election Commission.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$50,000 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.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an FY21 State 911 Department Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Grant in the amount of \$23,743 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Other Ordinary Maintenance Account which supports administering quality assurance for the emergency medical protocol used by Emergency Communications staff to provide pre and post-dispatch instructions for medical emergencies.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$10,489,930 received through the Coronavirus Relief Fund as part of the Federal Cares Act, to the Grant Fund Finance Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account which will support expenditures related to core municipal services; public health; and services and supports to residents.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-16, regarding feasibility of eliminating Library late fines.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Awaiting Report 20-1, regarding report on the work that has been done to coordinate efforts to strengthen the local small business community and the arts through tourism.
9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,064,930 received from HUD as part of the Housing Opportunities for People with Aids (HOPWA) Grant (\$1,802,640), which the

City of Cambridge manages; as well as from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which provides HOPWA funds (\$262,330) through the CARES Act to address the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States; to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account which will be used for assisted living programs and supportive services; shelter services, rental assistance and housing search services.

10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-08, regarding working with neighbors in the vicinity of Eustis Street to implement traffic calming measures on this street.
11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-127, regarding public utilities' load forecasting and infrastructure planning.
12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-28, regarding parking restrictions associated with the Port Infrastructure Improvement Project.
13. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-132, regarding a report on tree planting at Magazine Beach Park.
14. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-11, regarding renaming the fleet maintenance area of the Ryan Garage in honor of Sydney Cox.
15. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Agenda for Children's Talk and Read grant in the amount of \$500.00 received from the Cambridge Public Health Department to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$500.00) which will be used to cover refreshment and food costs for Community Engagement Team (CET) networking events.
16. 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 in the amount of \$380,250 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wage account (\$10,000) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$370,250) which will be used to provide nutritious meals to Cambridge youth at the same 8 sites utilized by Cambridge Public Schools when the COVID-19 crisis began through Sept 4, 2020 as well as to fund dinner sites in conjunction with the Book Bike and Food for Free.
17. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and

- Secondary Education, Adult and Community Learning Services, in the amount of \$842,930.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$790,872.00), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$51,233.00), and to the Travel and Training account (\$825.00) which will fund: the Community Learning Center's primary ESOL and ABE teaching, educational and career advising, and assessment; the coordination of services to students with documented disabilities, curriculum development and coordination for math and English Language Arts, technology coordination, volunteer coordination, outreach activities and child care services to the ESOL family literacy class at the Peabody School; administrative costs for data entry, reception, clerical work, and fiscal tracking; and the second CNA training program for FY21.
18. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) grant in the amount of \$58,995 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$33,441) and to Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$25,554) which will fund the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program, and will provide an integrated education and training program for immigrant adults in the Metro North area who are interested in becoming certified nursing assistants and home health aides (CNA/HHA).
  19. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) grant in the amount of \$79,992 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$47,084), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$32,908) which will be used to provide an integrated education and training program to adults in the Metro North area who want to start a career in the Information Technology field and work as Computer User Support Specialists, Help Desk Technicians, etc. Upon graduation, they will be able to take the COMP TIA+ exam and earn an industry recognized credential.
  20. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Adult and Community Learning Services grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the amount of \$222,472 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$198,729), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$23,743) which will fund ESOL teaching, advising, and assessment, the grant provides for technology integration activities and coordination, and tech support for students to be able to access remote classes and revision of tech policies. It also includes administrative costs for data entry, reception, clerical work, and fiscal tracking.
  21. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$292,308, funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$32,875), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$259,433) which will be used to operate the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
  22. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of additional funds for the Community Learning Center's Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)/Community Learning Services state grant in the amount of \$1,250 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to pay for office supplies.
  23. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation to the Multi-Service Center in the amount of \$1,200 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support rental assistance for low income residents at risk of losing housing.
  24. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Project Bread Summer Eats grant in the amount of \$4,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will fund the Summer Food Program by Project Bread and will be used to enhance promotion and outreach, support activities, and for program related supplies.
  25. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of new Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$236,500 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$21,500) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$215,000) which will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic among individuals and families who are homeless and will support shelter operating costs and provision of essential services to homeless persons outside of a shelter setting.
  26. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the ESOL Grant for \$88,766 funded by the Massachusetts Department

of Education, Adult and Community Learning Services to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$81,972), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$6,394), and to the Travel and Training account (\$400) which will support core ESOL services provided by the Community Learning Center and will also support ESOL curriculum development and coordination, civics education activities and coordination as well as administrative costs for data entry, reception, clerical work and fiscal tracking.

27. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-33, regarding implementing a Tenants' Rights and Resources Notification Act that would require owners and management companies to include tenants' rights and resources information when issuing eviction notifications including at the initial Notice to Quit stage.
28. That the Cambridge City Council amend the Municipal Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to insert a new Chapter 8.71, entitled Tenants' Rights and Resources Notification.
29. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an [updated response to Calendar Item #9, regarding Gas Infrastructure Ban](#).
30. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a proposed restatement of and amendment to the Mayor's Disaster Relief Account, entitled "The City of Cambridge Restated and Amended Mayor's Disaster Relief Account" ("Account").

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WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge created the Mayor's Disaster Relief Account in 1998 to address the needs of individuals and families facing emergencies and disaster situations. Over the course of its lifetime, the Account has helped thousands of Cambridge individuals and families in need of financial assistance because of natural or man-made emergencies and disasters. Most recently, the Account has been used to address the disastrous financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS: Since March of 2020, the Account has distributed \$3.2 million to individuals and families in Cambridge, including small businesses operated by individuals in Cambridge, who are in emergency need due to the pandemic disaster.

WHEREAS: During the recent first stage of distributions from the Account, the Account assisted over 1,400 individuals and families most financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic disaster to pay rent, utilities, and address their basic needs. During the second stage, the Account assisted individuals operating Cambridge based small businesses which have struggled to stay afloat through

closure mandates and limited ways of providing goods and services.

WHEREAS: The City's arts organizations represent a critical component to the continued vibrancy and enrichment of our community, and they need our emergency assistance to survive this unprecedented disaster caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record approving the City of Cambridge Restated and Amended Mayor's Disaster Relief Account to enlarge the scope of eligible recipients under the Account to allow for the provision of emergency assistance by the Account to the City's arts organizations whose principal place of business is in Cambridge in the event of emergencies and disasters as submitted in the form attached hereto.

31. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-34, regarding a report on an [itemized statement of all materials, tools, and property owned by the Cambridge Police Department](#).

#### 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]

#### 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]

#### APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A Re-Submission of a Rezoning Petition has been received from Salvatori Zimmo, Vice President, Development, BMR-THIRD LLC., regarding rezoning petition for a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge which upon adoption, would result in a new Planned Unit Development ("PUD") District CDK. [[Petition w/o images](#)] [[images from petition](#)]
2. An application was received from Jeff Perenti, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 11 Education 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 David Biancaville, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 10 Acorn Park Drive; 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.

4. An application was received from Patrick Conte, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 40 Thorndike Street; 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.
5. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Arvind Srinivasau regarding zoning language for the Alewife Quadrangle Northwest Overlay district. [\[text of petition\]](#)
6. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Francis E. Donovan regarding new zoning amendments to increase Affordable Housing. [\[text of petition\]](#)

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Peter Damrosch, regarding support of H.3924.
2. A communication was received from Seeta Pai, regarding mask wearing.
3. A communication was received from Alan Meyers, 84 Amory Street, regarding support bill H.3924.
4. A communication was received from Amanda Beatty, regarding support Policy Order #163 piloting DHSP preschool's.
5. A communication was received from Amanda Beatty, regarding DHSP opening/serving families most in need.
6. A communication was received from Miranda Pearce, 52 Clarendon Avenue, regarding shared streets.
7. A communication was received from Masato Kocerber, regarding support for the Affordable Housing Overlay.
8. A communication was received from Ryan Grams, 48 Magazine Street, regarding support for Bike Ordinance .
9. A communication was received from Miranda Pearce, 52 Clarendon Avenue, regarding City workers heading back into offices.
10. A communication was received from Tara R. Greco, regarding AHO concerns.
11. A communication was received from Kimberly S. Courtney, Esq., regarding public comment rules and operations committee.
12. A communication was received from Xavier Deitrich, regarding public comment before the Rules and Operations Committee.
13. A communication was received from Stephanie Guirand, regarding murders on Black people by the police.
14. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Commuter Rail on the Grand Junction.

15. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding poisons continue to ravage the Charles River.
16. A communication was received from Susan Labandibar, 9A Forest Street, regarding Donovan zoning petition for affordable housing.
17. A communication was received from Ivy Maiorino, regarding support of Black Response Cambridge.
18. A communication was received from Lynn Cetrulo, regarding Donovan zoning petition.
19. A communication was received from Ton Jackson, 14 Camp Street, regarding Donovan zoning petition.
20. A communication was received from Ilan Levy, 148 Spring Street, regarding Black response petition to defund the Police.
21. A communication was received from Grant Emison, 146 Rindge Avenue, regarding support of Black Response position on Policing in Cambridge.
22. A communication was received from Gilbert Houbart, 51 Chilton Street, regarding Affordable Housing.
23. A communication was received from Kevin Wentworth, 45 Pemberton Street, regarding support of the Black Response statement.
24. A communication was received from Caroline Bruzelius, Ph.D., 24 C Bradbury Street, regarding supporting the Donovan Zoning Petition.
25. A communication was received from Shippen Page, 174 Lake View Avenue, regarding support of the Donovan Zoning Petition.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Wishing Murrell A Weekes a Happy 100th Birthday. Councillor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Harvard Professor Danielle Allen. Mayor Siddiqui
3. Resolution on the death of Barbara Ackermann. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons
4. Welcoming Lila Mukherji Fillmore. Councillor McGovern
5. Resolution on the death of Maurice Page. Councillor McGovern
6. Resolution on the death of Leticia Barbosa DoCanto. Councillor Toomey
7. The 55th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
8. Resolution on the death of Maria Brown Tanous. Councillor Simmons
9. Wishing Eva Philpot a Happy Birthday. Councillor Simmons



10. Resolution on the death of Christopher Saheed. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern
11. Resolution on the death of Maurice Page. Councillor Simmons
12. Resolution on the death of Herbert E. Lee III. Councillor Simmons
13. Resolution on the death of Josephine Vendetti. Councillor Toomey, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui
14. The Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone
15. Congratulations to Jordana Arias. Mayor Siddiqui
16. Resolution on the death of Alice T. Velosa. Councillor Toomey<sup>4</sup>

## **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Personnel Department and provide an update on the Cambridge Police Patrol Officers' Association union contract negotiation at the City Council's regular meeting on Sept 14th, 2020. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui
2. The Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a Roundtable/Working Meeting for members of the City Council and School Committee for Tues, Aug 11 at 5:30pm at City Hall, in the Sullivan Chambers, 795 Massachusetts Ave, to discuss CPSD reopening school plans. Mayor Siddiqui
3. That the City Council go on record in support of S. 2785, an "Act Promoting Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention through a Right to Counsel Pilot Program in Massachusetts in Response to the COVID Emergency." Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
4. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with Claude Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer of the Cambridge Public Health Department, to expand testing dates and locations for the months of August and September. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Public Health Department to create an overall testing plan for the upcoming late fall and winter months ahead. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan
5. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Personnel Department and City Solicitor to generate a report detailing the Sole Assessment Process, the Civil Service HRD process, the reason for choosing the Sole Assessment Process over the Civil Service HRD process, and the projected costs associated with both processes. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to present this report at the Sept 14th regular City Council meeting. Vice

Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler

6. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Director of the Cambridge Public Library, the Library Board of Trustees, and any other appropriate City personnel to consider formally renaming the Central Square Library in honor of Maria Baldwin and Rep. John Lewis, with the building being known as "The Maria Baldwin and Rep. John Lewis Library and Center for African American/Black History and Culture" going forward, or to otherwise find another suitable location for this dedication. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
7. The City Manager is requested to consult with the Water Department and report back on lessons learned from 2016 and on plans in place to institute water savings measures, and to inform the Water Board of this request. The City Manager is requested to inform the public as soon as practicable about the possibility of dry and drought conditions, so as to encourage the community to save water whenever possible. Councillor Nolan
8. The Mayor be and hereby is requested to call a Special Meeting of the City Council and invite a representative from the Collins Center to present on the process and benefits of Charter Review and Reform. Councillor Nolan
9. That the City Council goes on record standing in solidarity with our international students and their right to study, contribute and succeed in the City of Cambridge, regardless of any future proposed policy submitted to the contrary by DHS or ICE. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan
10. That the Cambridge City Council pass the attached Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
11. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to Contact IQHQ and engage the relevant city departments regarding next steps for restoration, health and environmental protection, improvement, beautification, and making the surrounding areas of Jerry's Pond publicly accessible and incorporating Jerry's Pond into the adjacent public parklands, with pedestrian and bicycle connections to the MBTA Station, the Alewife Reservation, Minuteman Bikeway, and the Linear Park. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan
12. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to take steps to improve the surrounding landscape for residents who live in the neighboring community and the many individuals who commute through the area via the Alewife Red Line, the Minuteman Bikeway, Rindge Avenue and Alewife Brook Parkway. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan

13. The City Council go on record in enthusiastic support of H.836, H.826, and H.761, and in urging the Massachusetts Legislature and Governor Baker to enact all three bills into law before the end of the session. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
14. The City Manager look into transferring primary traffic enforcement responsibilities from the Cambridge Police Department to unarmed, trained enforcement personnel in the Traffic & Parking Department, Department of Public Works, Health & Human Services, or another suitable department. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
15. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate departments to conduct street cleaning without towing for the remainder of the 2020 season, and to employ other methods including (but not limited to) an escalating ticketing schedule that would continue to incentive compliance. Councillor Zondervan
16. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City of Cambridge Law Department to review the above changes to the language of the Domestic Partnerships Ordinance and report back to the Council. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. [A report of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee Meeting on Feb 19, 2020](#) to discuss amendments of the City Council's Rules.
2. [A report Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee Meeting on Mar 12, 2020](#) to discuss the City Manager's request to extend his contract.
  - A. That the City Council authorize the Chair of the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee to meet with the City Manager to discuss his contract extension.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee's summer meetings.
2. A communication was received from Police Commissioner, Dr. Branville G. Bard, Jr., transmitting [a memorandum regarding some semblance of understanding as to how and why municipal police departments, like here in Cambridge, came to require the type of weaponry listed in the inventory contained in response to Council Order O-9](#).

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Wed, July 22

- 2:00pm The Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee will meet to hold a discussion on the rules of the City Council. (Sullivan Chamber, TV and web)

### Mon, July 27

- 5:30pm Special City Council Meeting

### Wed, July 29

- 2:00pm The Transportation & Public Utilities Committee will meet to discuss how transportation in Cambridge has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including impacts and adaptations to streets and public transit. (Sullivan Chamber, TV and web)

### Thurs, July 30

- 10:00am The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving an update on the Retail Land Use Initiative and Retail Table of Land Use update. (Sullivan Chamber, TV and web)

### Mon, Aug, 3

- 2:00pm The City Council will meet in a special session to vote on relocation of polling locations. (Sullivan Chamber, TV and web)

### Mon, Aug 10

- 3:00pm The City Council will meet in a special session to receive a COVID-19 update from the City Manager and his staff. (Sullivan Chamber, TV and web)

### Tues, Aug 11

- 10:00am The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of discussing Cambridge higher learning institutions' return to campus plans, policies, and health guidance. (Sullivan Chamber, TV and web)

### Wed, Aug 12

- 2:00pm The City Council will meet in a special session on Wed, Aug 12 at 2pm to discuss the possible use of body cameras by the Cambridge Police Department. (Sullivan Chamber, TV and web)

### Wed, Aug 19

- 5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to reconvene a public hearing on a petition to add an Affordable Housing Ordinance to the City's Zoning Ordinances. (Sullivan Chamber, TV and web)

### Wed, Aug 26

- 5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on a petition to add a Green Energy Analysis Zoning Ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber, TV and web)

### Mon, Sept 14

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

### Mon, Sept 21

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

### Mon, Oct 5

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

### Mon, Oct 19

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

### Mon, Oct 26

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

### Mon, Nov 2

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

### Mon, Nov 9

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

### Mon, Nov 23

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

### Mon, Nov 30

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

**Mon, Dec 7**

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

**Mon, Dec 14**

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

**Mon, Dec 21**

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

**Mon, Dec 28**

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

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 July 27, 2020

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Cambridge Police Patrol Officers' Association union contract expires this month; and

WHEREAS: While the City Council previously adopted [a policy order](#) requesting all collective bargaining agreements between the City and unions be made available online, it also has a vested interest in staying informed on ongoing contract negotiations, especially amid heightened scrutiny on Police Union contracts; and

WHEREAS: Receiving an update on these negotiations would align with broader efforts to promote transparency and accountability within the Police Department and entire City government; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Personnel Department and provide an update on the Cambridge Police Patrol Officers' Association union contract negotiation at the City Council's regular meeting on Sept 14th, 2020.

O-2 July 27, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a Roundtable/Working Meeting for members of the City Council and School Committee for Tues, Aug 11 at 5:30pm at City Hall, in the Sullivan Chambers, 795 Massachusetts Ave, to discuss CPSD reopening school plans.

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City Departments to televise and record the Joint City Council/School Committee Roundtable/Working Meeting.

O-3 July 27, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Housing Court is anticipating that [15,000-20,000 eviction cases will be filed](#) once the State's eviction moratorium expires on Aug 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS: During the COVID-19 pandemic and before the eviction moratorium went into effect in April, [78% of all evictions filed in Boston](#) were in census tracts where the majority of residents are people of color; and

WHEREAS: The racial disparity in Boston evictions mirrors a nationwide trend of systemic racism embedded in the housing market, which suggests race has a significant role in eviction filings with much of the research finding that the [racial composition of a neighborhood is the most important factor](#) in

predicting neighborhood eviction rates, even more than poverty and other neighborhood characteristics; and

WHEREAS: In order to address the tidal wave of evictions, housing advocates throughout the Commonwealth are working with State Representatives to extend the statewide eviction moratorium, as well as introducing [legislation](#) (S.2785) to establish a "Right to Counsel Pilot" project to protect low-income renters and owner-occupants in areas of the Commonwealth hardest hit by COVID.; and

WHEREAS: S.2785 would ensure full legal representation in eviction proceedings through dedicated new staffing to tenants and owner-occupants whose incomes do not exceed 200% of poverty; and

WHEREAS: Currently, over 90% of tenants face eviction without legal representation, while 78% of landlords have lawyers, an imbalance that will likely grow once the eviction moratorium ends; and

WHEREAS: A statewide Right to Counsel pilot is part of an essential response to the impending eviction wave, as having counsel has been demonstrated to be a determining outcome of such cases; and

WHEREAS: Counsel representation for both tenants and landlords give each party equal footing in negotiating terms and agreements moving forward; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of S. 2785, an "Act Promoting Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention through a Right to Counsel Pilot Program in Massachusetts in Response to the COVID Emergency," and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation on behalf of the City Council.

O-4 July 27, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Since the COVID-19 outbreak, the Cambridge Public Health Department has offered free COVID-19 testing to Cambridge residents via stand-alone testing centers, as well as testing in nursing homes, senior centers and homeless shelters; and

WHEREAS: In July, testing sites and times were consolidated into 4 testing centers in the North Cambridge, East Cambridge, Harvard Square and Port Neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: CHA expanded three additional Saturday testing dates at the Pisani Center in The Port, on July 18th, July 25th and Aug 1st; and

WHEREAS: Appointments for these testing dates and sites have filled up, with many residents reaching out to inquire about additional dates and locations; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge must be persistent in our efforts in access to testing for COVID-19; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with Claude Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer of the Cambridge Public Health Department, to expand testing dates and locations for the months of August and September; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Public Health Department to create an

overall testing plan for the upcoming late fall and winter months ahead.

O-5 July 27, 2020

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: The State of Massachusetts Civil Service Human Resource Division (HRD) has not administered a Fire Chief's exam since the appointment of the current Cambridge Acting Fire Chief; and

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WHEREAS: The City Manager recently announced the City will utilize a new "Sole Assessment Center" to create a permanent Fire Chief Civil Service list, rather than utilizing the State of Massachusetts Civil Service Human Resources Division (HRD) process; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager explained the decision to utilize a new Sole Assessment Center by stating that it is superior to "a generic statewide process which emphasizes a multiple choice exam," and that "the City will be able to holistically evaluate through both written and job simulation exercises each candidate's knowledge, skills, and abilities to be Fire Chief in Cambridge"; and

WHEREAS: The Civil Service HRD exam process [scheduled for October 2020, and April 2021](#) consists of a weighted, graded test with the following structure:

- 40% Written exam
- 40% Assessment center (An interview to determine knowledge, skills, and more)
- 20% Education and experience

and has an associated cost of \$2,500 to the municipality for administering the candidate process and subsequent scoring; and

WHEREAS: The Civil Service HRD process allows municipalities to "maintain the option to hire a vendor and utilize a delegated Assessment Center instead of the HRD developed and administered Assessment Center," which could ensure that Cambridge maintains the desired "holistic evaluation," and that the process "[reflects] the priorities of the City of Cambridge and our unique urban environment"; and

WHEREAS: The full process, scoring, appeals process, and associated costs of the proposed Sole Assessment Center, as well as the reasons for choosing this option instead of the Civil Service HRD process, have not yet been made clear to the City Council; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager has indicated his desire to enter into an Request for Quotes process to select a vendor to conduct the Sole Assessment Center; and

WHEREAS: As this expenditure will likely come before the City Council as an appropriation for a vendor, the City Council and the public have a vested interest in understanding the rationale behind the decision to use a Sole Assessment Center; therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Personnel Department and City Solicitor to generate a report detailing the Sole Assessment Process, the Civil Service HRD process, the reason for choosing the Sole Assessment

Process over the Civil Service HRD process, and the projected costs associated with both processes; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to present this report at the Sept 14th regular City Council meeting.

O-6 July 27, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: As part of the City's ongoing efforts to draw attention to those individuals who helped shape our community, it would be timely and fitting for the City to re-name the library branch located in the heart of our most culturally diverse neighborhood in honor of a local figure, Maria L. Baldwin, and a national figure, Rep. John Lewis, who both embodied the Cambridge ideals of fairness, education, diversity, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS: The Central Square Library is the ideal location for this re-dedication, as it is already the home to the Lewis Room, which in 1977 was dedicated in honor of the late Jerome Lewis, the First Associate Director of the Cambridge Public Library, who was one of the originators of African American cultural programming at the Cambridge Public Library; and

WHEREAS: In March of 2014, the Central Square Library also unveiled a commemorative plaque named the *Leroy Cragwell African-American History Book Collection* in honor of the late Mr. Leroy Cragwell, a senior resident of color who gave tirelessly to the City of Cambridge, and in recognition of the fact that the Central Square Library has been the center of countless community gatherings over the years, particularly for the Black community; and

WHEREAS: The re-naming of this library branch would also work towards highlighting and preserving those elements of Cambridge history from which we draw our strength and our identity, and it will better promote the values that we, as a community, wish to embrace; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Director of the Cambridge Public Library, the Library Board of Trustees, and any other appropriate City personnel to consider formally renaming the Central Square Library in honor of Maria Baldwin and Rep. John Lewis, with the building being known as "The Maria Baldwin and Rep. John Lewis Library and Center for African American/Black History and Culture" going forward, or to otherwise find another suitable location for this dedication, and to report back to the City Council on this in a timely manner.

O-7 July 27, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, over the last three months, has gone from normal condition to level one and two drought conditions throughout the state, including in Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS: In the summer of 2016, the Commonwealth and Cambridge were in a similar position and the City never issued a drought warning or encouraged residents to conserve water despite all surrounding cities and towns doing so; and

WHEREAS: The Water Department assured the council and community in August of 2016 that their projections showed that the water supplies in the Cambridge system were sufficient in a 3



month, 6 month and 24 month time frame, yet two months later the City was forced to purchase 90% of its water from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; and  
 WHEREAS: In October of 2016 the City Council authorized a \$3.6 million allocation from the Water Fund, doubling the cost of the City's water supply; and  
 WHEREAS: The Council wants the City to be prepared in the case of the current dry conditions worsening; now therefore be it  
 ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Water Department and report back on lessons learned from 2016 and on plans in place to institute water savings measures, and to inform the Water Board of this request; and be it further  
 ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to inform the public as soon as practicable about the possibility of dry and drought conditions, so as to encourage the community to save water whenever possible.

O-8 July 27, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: A charter is the most important legal document in a city, defining the power structure and organization of municipal government; and  
 WHEREAS: [Chapter 43B, Section 2](#), in General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts states: "Every city and town shall have the power to adopt or revise its charter or to amend its existing charter in accordance with procedures prescribed by [Chapter 43B]"; and  
 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 the only city or town in Massachusetts to go 80 years without reviewing its most important legal document; and  
 WHEREAS: Many cities and towns in Massachusetts have a charter review process built into their charter, requiring a review every set number of years (usually 5-10 years) to ensure the charter continues to serve the needs of ever-changing municipalities; and  
 WHEREAS Cambridge has changed dramatically since 1940, and it is good governance for the City Council to ensure that our governing documents are positioned to serve our modern, progressive city through a review of the city charter; and  
 WHEREAS There are outstanding questions of whether the charter as currently construed and interpreted is in line with democratic principles and an appropriate balance of power; and  
 WHEREAS The Collins Center for Public Management, created under Governor Patrick's administration in 2008, has aided cities and towns across the state with the charter review process and employ experts on Massachusetts city charters as well as a range of other municipal government areas; now therefore be it  
 RESOLVED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to call a Special Meeting of the City Council and invite a representative from the Collins Center to present on the process and benefits of Charter Review and Reform; and further be it  
 ORDERED: That the Special Meeting be held by October of 2020 to ensure a timely discussion of the issue of charter review and reform.

O-9 July 27, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: On July 6, 2020, the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) under the Trump Administration, announced that it intends to bar international college students from entering the United States, or staying in the Country if already here, if their scheduled fall classes are entirely remote due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and  
 WHEREAS: The [U.S. Department of Homeland Security plans to publish the procedures and responsibilities](#) in the Federal Register as a Temporary Final Rule, stating that "Nonimmigrant F-1 and M-1 students attending schools operating entirely online may not take a full online course load and remain in the United States. The U.S. Department of State will not issue visas to students enrolled in schools and/or programs that are fully online for the fall semester nor will U.S. Customs and Border Protection permit these students to enter the United States. Active students currently in the United States enrolled in such programs must depart the country or take other measures, such as transferring to a school with in-person instruction to remain in lawful status. If not, they may face immigration consequences including, but not limited to, the initiation of removal proceedings;" and  
 WHEREAS: Following this announcement, Universities and Cities around the country filed briefs and lawsuits in strong opposition to this proposed rule; and  
 WHEREAS: Harvard and MIT filed a lawsuit on July 8, 2020 which requested a temporary restraining order against the policy, and an order vacating the policy and a declaration that it is unlawful; and  
 WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge joined in filing an Amicus Brief in support of the Harvard and MIT lawsuit, outlining the direct, deep and detrimental impacts this rule would have on our cities and community at large; and  
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 WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge joined in filing an Amicus Brief in support of the Harvard and MIT lawsuit, outlining the direct, deep and detrimental impacts this rule would have on our cities and community at large; and  
 WHEREAS: This Administration's decision is not aligned with the values of this City, namely our commitment to the health, safety, well-being and rights of all Cambridge residents; and  
 WHEREAS: International students enrich the campus and community experience by supporting diversity of thought, language and culture and challenging us to think more globally; and  
 WHEREAS: Though this proposed rule has been rescinded since the lawsuit was filed, this proposed rule was intended to punish our international students and hold them hostage in the Administration's ongoing stronghold on school systems to resume in person learning without the public health data to support reopening schools; and  
 WHEREAS: Forcing Universities to resume in-person learning amid a global pandemic for the sole reason of retaining their international students is contrary to public health guidance and puts the public's health at greater risk; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council goes on record standing in solidarity with our international students and their right to study, contribute and succeed in the City of Cambridge, regardless of any future proposed policy submitted to the contrary by DHS or ICE.

O-10 July 27, 2020

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: Housing costs in and around Cambridge have increased consistently and dramatically over the last 20+ years, resulting in a lack of affordability and causing displacement of long-term lower, moderate, and middle-income residents and a decrease in racial and economic diversity of households; and

WHEREAS: Between 2007 and 2017, home prices in the city-center areas of Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville rose from between 61 and 89 percent, according to the Urban Institute; and

WHEREAS: Based on the analysis of low- and middle-income groups, 45,000 individuals or 43% of the population are negatively impacted by the housing market, according to the 2017 Cambridge Needs Assessment; and

WHEREAS: The average rent for a Cambridge apartment was \$2,337 for a one-bedroom unit, \$2,689 for a two bedroom and \$2,827 for a three-bedroom unit in October 2018, according to the Cambridge Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS: In Cambridgeport a renter must earn \$44 dollars per hour in order to afford a two-bedroom apartment, more than three times the current Massachusetts minimum wage, according to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition; and

WHEREAS: these circumstances are further compounded by a combination of regional housing demand and constrained supply as documented in the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's projection of regional housing demand for the metro north Boston area and the 2017 Housing Report Card, which noted that the sharpest increases in housing costs are occurring in Boston's inner-ring suburbs including Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's Affordable Housing Trust Fund is established under M.G.L. c.44, §55C and is charged with the preservation and creation of new affordable rental and homeownership units in the City of Cambridge and the creation of programs that directly assist renters and homeowners; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council approved policy orders requesting the city solicitor draft a Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition on February 26, 2016, January 7, 2019 and March 16, 2020 but no draft was ever produced; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council pass the attached Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition; be it further

ORDERED: That this item be referred to the Ordinance Committee for discussion and deliberation.

#### **AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO IMPOSE A REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEE**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

##### **SECTION 1. Findings and Purpose.**

**Whereas**, housing costs in and around Cambridge have increased consistently and dramatically over the last 20+ years, resulting in a lack of affordability and causing displacement of long-term

lower, moderate, and middle-income residents and a decrease in racial and economic diversity of households:

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**Whereas**, these circumstances are further compounded by a combination of regional housing demand and constrained supply as documented in the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's projection of regional housing demand for the metro north Boston area and the 2017 Housing Report Card, which noted that the sharpest increases in housing costs are occurring in Boston's inner-ring suburbs including Cambridge; and

**Whereas**, Cambridge's Affordable Housing Trust Fund is established under M.G.L. c.44, §55C and is charged with the preservation and creation of new affordable rental and homeownership units in the City of Cambridge and the creation of programs that directly assist renters and homeowners, now;

**Therefore**, the purpose of this act is to establish a sustainable revenue source for the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust Fund as further set forth below:

SECTION 2. Except where otherwise exempted pursuant to this act, the City of Cambridge may impose a fee of up to two (2) % of the purchase price above one million dollars (\$1,000,000) upon the transfer of any real property interest or a controlling interest in a trust, limited liability company, or other entity that directly or indirectly holds such real property interest, in any real property situated in the City of Cambridge, as follows: (A) a fee in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_ % of said purchase price shall be due and payable by the seller; and (B) a fee in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_ % of said purchase price shall be due and payable by the buyer. In the case of a transfer of a controlling interest, the City of Cambridge may define by ordinance what constitutes a controlling interest and the calculation of the fee. The City of Cambridge is hereinafter referred to as the "City".

- (a) **Exempt Transfers.** The following transfers of real property interests shall be exempt from the fee established by this act:
  - (i) transfers between family members as defined by ordinance;
  - (ii) transfers of convenience with consideration under \$100.00 as defined by ordinance; and
  - (iii) transfers to the government of the United States or any other instrumentality, agency of subdivision thereof, or the Commonwealth or any instrumentality or subdivision thereof
- (b) **Exempt Sellers; Fee Due by Non-Exempt Seller.** The seller of residential real property in the City shall be exempt

from the fee authorized in Section 2, if the seller of such real property is:

(i) a vulnerable senior, as defined by the City or

If the seller is not exempt, the fee shall be due and payable by the seller to the City at the time set forth in Section 3.

**(c) Exempt Purchasers; Fee Due by Non-Exempt Purchaser.**

The purchaser shall be exempt from the fee authorized in Section 2 if:

(i) that purchaser is a vulnerable senior, as may be defined by ordinance or

(d) The fee shall be paid to the City/Town of Cambridge. The City is authorized to adopt an ordinance to provide for the collection and lien of any outstanding transfer fee. The City shall have such remedies to collect said amount as provided by law with respect to the collection of real property taxes.

(e) The City shall deposit all fees received pursuant to this act into the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust Fund established by the City.

SECTION 3. A copy of the deed or other instrument evidencing such transfer shall be provided to the City and shall be accompanied by, (a) an affidavit signed under oath or under the pains and penalties of perjury by the purchaser and seller attesting to the purchase price, (b) the applicable fee owed, (c) the basis, if any, upon which the transfer or one or both of the parties to the transfer is claimed to be exempt in whole or in part from said fee, and (d) if applicable, an affidavit of intent to seek a residential exemption for that property by the purchaser. Upon receipt of such payment and/or satisfactory evidence of exemption, the City or its designee shall promptly thereafter issue a certificate indicating that the fee has been paid or that the purchaser or seller, or the transfer, is exempt from the fee. The Middlesex South Register of Deeds shall not record or register a deed unless the deed is accompanied by such certificate.

SECTION 4. The City may, by ordinance, adopt additional requirements, exemptions, and regulations to implement or enforce said fee, consistent with this act. The City is not authorized to eliminate or reduce any exemption set forth in this act.

SECTION 5. The Affordable Housing Trust Fund, as permitted by the ordinance establishing said Affordable Housing Trust Fund and its governing documents, shall use revenue from the fees raised pursuant to this act to fund affordable housing programs including, but not limited to, limited equity arrangements, community land trusts, purpose-built housing, and other programs to underwrite the affordability of properties with a preference, where permitted by applicable law, for current and recent Cambridge residents and employees.

SECTION 6. The City shall prepare and issue an annual report that (i) identifies fee receipts by payer category including buyers and sellers; (ii) quantifies affordable housing programs funded, including type and purpose, and (iii) evaluates the impact of said affordable housing programs, including but not limited to, to the extent reasonably possible and permitted by applicable law, the number and demographics of individuals and families served as well as measures of housing stability and wealth generation in the community.

O-11 July 27, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Jerry's Pond and the adjacent land surrounding it are historically, ecologically and culturally significant natural resources and a significant body of water for North Cambridge residents and the wider Cambridge community; and

WHEREAS: Jerry's Pond has been a long-standing topic of discussion, as revitalization, restoration and reopening this land continues to be an issue of health, social and environmental equity in Cambridge, as it is the closest green space to approximately 4,000 Cambridge residents living in affordable housing along Rindge Avenue; and

WHEREAS: Jerry's Pond and the land surrounding it were historically known as "The Great Swamp" and were tidal marshlands connected to the Mystic River via the Alewife Brook; and

WHEREAS: The natural environment and habitat has continued to thrive in the land surrounding Jerry's Pond and connected wetlands including the Alewife Reservation, Yates Pond and the Little River; and

WHEREAS: Jerry's Pond and the land surrounding it are at great risk of climate change impacts via heat island, extreme rainfall events, storm surge and sea level rise over the coming years; and

WHEREAS: Jerry's Pond and the neighborhoods surrounding it are already subject to flooding, heat island, poor air quality, tree canopy loss and natural habitat diminution; and

WHEREAS: Jerry's Pond and the neighborhoods around it are at risk of direct negative health outcomes due to increasing development of the built environment and related transportation and air-quality impacts; and

WHEREAS: Jerry's Pond and the surrounding neighborhoods have been identified as an area of great environmental justice concern given the large underserved population, historic inequities and disinvestment in infrastructure; and

WHEREAS: Jerry's Pond and the surrounding land are a Massachusetts Hazardous Material Site (MGL c. 21E) site with known pollution including asbestos, petroleum and naphthalene, and are subject to an Activity and Use Limitation and a City of Cambridge Asbestos Ordinance and are surrounded by dense residential communities which are at risk; and

WHEREAS: IQHQ has recently acquired Alewife Park, a 26+ acre site including a 290,000-squarefoot office and laboratory campus in Cambridge, inclusive of Jerry's Pond and its adjacent landscape; and

WHEREAS: The new owners of Alewife Park might be interested in collaborating with the City and community on protection, remediation, restoration and improvement of the natural landscape and the public's safe access to it; and

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact IQHQ and engage the Community Development Department, the Department of Public Works, Public Health Department and the Department of Conservation and Recreation regarding next steps for restoration, health and environmental protection, improvement, beautification, and making the surrounding areas of Jerry's Pond publicly accessible and incorporating Jerry's Pond into the adjacent public parklands, with

pedestrian and bicycle connections to the MBTA Station, the Alewife Reservation, Minuteman Bikeway, and the Linear Park; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter at the next City Council meeting on Sept 14, 2020.

O-12 July 27, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Many areas around Jerry's Pond, namely the drainage ditch between the pond and the Russell/Comeau Field parking lot, continue to deteriorate and have not been brought up to a high-quality standard since initial requests in 2018; and

WHEREAS: There are several examples of swales and green infrastructure around Cambridge of high quality that could be implemented at this site on Cambridge land adjacent to Jerry's Pond; and

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to take steps to improve the surrounding landscape for residents who live in the neighboring community and the many individuals who commute through the area via the Alewife Red Line, the Minuteman Bikeway, Rindge Avenue and Alewife Brook Parkway; and

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter at the next City Council meeting on Sept 14, 2020.

O-13 July 27, 2020

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: Vulnerable communities, families, and individuals in Cambridge and across the Commonwealth are dangerously impacted by environmental pollution and climate change; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council adopted a resolution in 2017 affirming the goal of operating the city entirely on renewable energy by 2035, and our official goal is to achieve zero emissions by 2050

WHEREAS: [H.2836](#), "An Act re-powering Massachusetts with 100 percent renewable energy" would transition Massachusetts completely off of fossil fuels and would facilitate Cambridge achieving its energy and emission goals; and

WHEREAS: At least 14 states have already passed renewable energy targets that are more aggressive than what Massachusetts currently has in place, and H.2836 would transition the Commonwealth to 100% renewable electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable energy sources for heating and transportation by 2045; and

WHEREAS: H.2836 would establish a council for clean energy workforce development, which would recommend ways to promote employment growth and access to jobs in the renewable energy sector, and would also be charged with establishing a target for the number of Massachusetts residents working in the clean energy industry by 2025; and

WHEREAS: A pair of bills, "An Act Relative to Environmental Justice in the Commonwealth" ([H.826](#)) and "An Act Relative to Environmental Justice and Toxics Reduction in the Commonwealth" ([H.761](#)), would codify environmental justice into

state law for the first time, protecting communities of color from being unjustly targeted by polluting industries; and

WHEREAS: This pair of bills would protect vulnerable communities from pollution by requiring that environmental impact reports include a consideration of public health impacts and account for vulnerable communities when siting dangerous fossil fuel infrastructure and other polluting infrastructure; and

WHEREAS: The pair of bills would create a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) bank, which would maintain an inventory of environmentally beneficial projects in vulnerable communities that may be funded by violators in lieu of paying penalties associated with the settlement of enforcement actions; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts and Cambridge must lead on issues of climate change and environmental justice; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in enthusiastic support of H.2836, H.826, and H.761, and in urging the Massachusetts Legislature and Governor Baker to enact all three bills into law before the end of the session; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitably engrossed copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Charlie Baker, House Speaker Robert DeLeo, House Ways & Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz, and Representative Thomas A. Golden, Jr, Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

O-14 July 27, 2020

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: Routine traffic stops [disproportionately](#) impact Black and Brown drivers, who are pulled over and searched more often than white drivers, leading to potentially stressful interactions with the police; and

WHEREAS: This racist outcome is not the result of biases by individual officers, although those may play a role, but rather is primarily the result of systemic biases, including over-policing in Black neighborhoods, and training of police officers to be hypervigilant and to expect violent resistance, despite such incidents being very [rare](#); and

WHEREAS: The presence of an armed police officer during a routine traffic stop raises the tension of the encounter unnecessarily and can itself lead to conflict, causing harmful stress to both parties and [damaging](#) the relationship between police and the community; and

WHEREAS: Routine traffic enforcement can be conducted by unarmed employees of the city, which would reduce the possibility of violence during such encounters; and

WHEREAS: The police would still be responsible for apprehending known criminals, dangerous or erratic drivers, and other related situations that clearly go beyond routine traffic enforcement; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager look into transferring primary traffic enforcement responsibilities from the Cambridge Police Department to unarmed, trained enforcement personnel in the Traffic & Parking Department, Department of Public Works, Health & Human Services, or another suitable department; 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-15 July 27, 2020

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Cambridge has [resumed](#) towing as part of street cleaning as of July 1st, 2020; and

WHEREAS: Towing fees start at \$100 for a regular vehicle and are in addition to a \$30 ticket issued by the Traffic & Parking Department; and

WHEREAS: The burden of retrieving a towed vehicle and paying these fees disproportionately impact low income residents, especially during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS: The city resumed street cleaning in June without towing vehicles and determined the results to be “less than satisfactory”, but other cities have been able to achieve satisfactory results during street cleaning without towing vehicles as part of the process; and

WHEREAS: More thought should be given to less punitive measures that would allow for an effective cleaning of the streets without a burdensome towing process, including (but not limited to) escalating ticketing fees and continuing to tow vehicles that repeatedly fail to comply; and

WHEREAS: It may take time to see satisfactory and consistent results after changes are made; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate departments to conduct street cleaning without towing for the remainder of the 2020 season, and to employ other methods including (but not limited to) an escalating ticketing schedule that would continue to incentivize compliance; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council at the end of the 2020 street cleaning season on the feasibility of permanently abandoning regular towing as part of the street cleaning process.

O-16 July 27, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a long history in recognizing the variety of relationships that exist outside the system of marriage, and enacted its Domestic Partnerships Ordinance to the City Code in 1992; and

WHEREAS: [Chapter 2.119 of the Domestic Partnerships Ordinance](#) (“Ordinance”) defines “domestic partnership” as an entity that is formed by two persons who support a number of criteria, namely that they are (1) in a relationship of mutual support, caring and commitment and intend to remain in such a relationship, (2) they reside together; (3) they are not married, (4) they are not related by blood closer than would bar marriage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (5) they are each other’s sole domestic partner (6) they are competent to contract, and (7) they consider themselves to be family; and

WHEREAS: Chapter 2.119 of the Ordinance defines family relationships to include (1) the manner in which the people live their daily lives, (2) how they hold their relationship out to the world, (3) their emotional and financial commitment, (4) their reliance on each other for daily family, (5) the longevity and exclusivity of their relationship, and (6) any other factors that may be relevant; and

WHEREAS: This Ordinance was enacted to allow individuals in domestic partnerships to access the same legal benefits as married couples under the law; and

WHEREAS: This Ordinance is limited in its scope of domestic partnerships, however, namely that it provides that only two people in a partnership may access the benefits listed in the Domestic Partnerships Ordinance; and

WHEREAS: [There is a growing number of adults](#) in relationships that include two or more people in a given relationship; and

WHEREAS: The City of Somerville signed its Domestic Partnerships Ordinance into law on June 29, 2020, which defines domestic partnership as an “entity of people” and gives equal access to the same legal benefits as married couples; and

WHEREAS: In order to recognize these relationships and grant equal access to legal benefits, we must change the language of the Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to include “two or more people”; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That section 2.119.020(D) of the Ordinances of the City of Cambridge be amended to read as follows:

D. "Domestic partnership" means the entity formed by **two or more persons** who meet the following criteria and jointly file a registration statement proclaiming that:

1. They are in a relationship of mutual support, caring and commitment and intend to remain in such a relationship; and
2. They reside together; and
3. They are not married **to anyone outside the partnership**; and
4. They are not related by blood closer than would bar marriage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and
5. **They are not in a domestic partnership with others outside this partnership**; and
6. They are competent to contract; and
7. They consider themselves to be a family

ORDERED: That section 2.119.020(E) of the Ordinances of the City of Cambridge be amended to read as follows:

E. Subsequent to the filing of a registration form, the existence of a "family" relationship may be shown by evidence relevant to the following factors:

1. The manner in which the people live their daily lives;
2. How they hold their relationship out to the world;
3. Their emotional and financial commitment;
4. Their reliance on each other for daily family services;
5. **The longevity of their relationship**; and
6. Any other factors which may be relevant.

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City of Cambridge Law Department to review the above changes to the language of the Domestic Partnerships Ordinance and report back to the Council.

O-17 July 27, 2020

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The Y2Y Network (Y2Y) is a student-driven shelter and resource network serving young unhoused people in the Cambridge area and beyond. Its mission is to interrupt the cycle of homelessness for a generation of young adults, and connects these youth with services and skills for long-term success; and

WHEREAS: Y2Y is the only youth-to-youth model shelter in the country, and emphasizes the work and impact young students can have on the lives of unhoused youth. The shelter teaches values of

service and local engagement to students while serving as a critical sanctuary for vulnerable youth in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Y2Y is a program of the Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA), a Harvard College-affiliated non-profit, which represents a critical part of Harvard community contributions to the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Y2Y is facing dramatic challenges in recent months due to COVID-19. The shelter is receiving financial support by the City of Cambridge, which is set to expire in August. Y2Y will not be able to operate in the fall without continued financial support, and estimates the need for \$50k / month beginning in the fall to re-open; and

WHEREAS: The shelter's fall prospects are further endangered by student staffing shortages caused by Harvard restrictions on student involvement in off-campus programming. These students are the heart of Y2Y, and play a critical role in providing services and passing down knowledge about running a safe and respectful shelter; therefore be it so

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record to support funding by the City of Cambridge of an additional \$30k per month for the Y2Y Network to operate in the fall; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record to request that Harvard University partners with the City on funding the Y2Y Network, and provide the additional \$20k per month that the shelter needs to remain operational; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to make a formal request to Harvard University for the partnership described above to fund the Y2Y Network; and be it further

ORDERED: That a copy of this policy order be sent to the President of Harvard University, the PBHA, and the Harvard Office of Public Affairs and Communications.

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COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to direct the law department provide additional amendments related to tenants rights and responsibilities at the commencement of the lease under the proposed Tenants' Rights and Resources Notification Ordinance.

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COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Council authorize the chair of the Government Operation Rules and Claims Committee to meet with the City Manager to discuss his contract extension.