#### CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request for approval of an application for a Jitney License to USA Guided Tours Boston, LLC.
- 2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointments and appointment of a new member of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees: New Appointment: Paula Paris Reappointment: Rob Buchanan, Kathleen McGilvray, Mary Jane Kornacki, Claire Leporte, Joshua Posner and Alexander White
- 3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Leadership Scholarship Program Grant funded from the State 911 Department in the amount of \$10,000 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salaries and Wages account (\$3,790) and to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Travel and Training account (\$6,210) which will be used to cover personnel costs, training fees, and travel costs for the employee who receives the scholarship to attend a designated Leadership Certification Program.
- 4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an FY20 State 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant in the amount of \$376,330 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salaries and Wages account (\$287,407), and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$88,923) which will support the costs of Emergency Communications Center personnel salaries and overtime and annual maintenance costs of dispatch-related software.
- 5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an FY20 State 911 Department Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Grant in the amount of \$23,747 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Other Ordinary Maintenance Account which will be used to support administering quality assurance for the emergency medical protocol used by 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 an FY20 State 911 Department Training grant in the amount of \$143,764 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salary and Wages account (\$99,929), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,437), and Travel and Training account (\$42,398) which will support training of Emergency Communications Center personnel, classroom fees, and training materials.
- 7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-

- 72, regarding a report on the condition of the Sullivan Courthouse.
- 8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of supplemental appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's (EOPSS) Traffic Enforcement Grant Program in the amount of \$9,800 to the Grant Fund Police Department Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used to purchase lidar equipment to continue the Department's traffic enforcement and public safety efforts.
- A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-53, regarding a report on how media collected by handheld photo/video devices is used, stored, and shared.
- 10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-60, regarding a report on adding a cybercrime assessment section to the list of monthly BridgeStat reports.
- 11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-39, regarding the creation of an arts friendly page highlighting the key licenses and permits available to support artists, arts organization, and creative enterprises in developing and producing their work for the benefit of local and regional audiences.
- 12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-14, regarding a survey of local arts organizations and private foundations that may support their work.
- 13. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-83, regarding summertime programming to help reduce the threat of violence.
- 14. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Department of Education, Adult and Community Learning Services ESOL Grant in the amount of \$88,766 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$81,683), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$6,683), and to the Travel and Training account (\$400) which will support core ESOL services provided by the Community Learning Center.
- 15. 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 \$837,930 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$777,243), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$60,357), and to the Travel and Training account (\$330) to funding the Community Learning Center's primary ESOL

- and ABE teaching, advising (education, career, outstationed), and assessment, the grant provides for coordination of services to students with documented disabilities, math and English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum development and coordination, ESOL curriculum development, technology coordination, volunteer coordination, outreach activities and child care services to the ESOL family literacy class at the Peabody School. It also includes administrative costs for data entry, reception, clerical work, and fiscal tracking and will also supports the second CAN training program for FY20, which provides 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 (CAN/HHA).
- 16. 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 \$130,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$125,959), and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$4,041) which will be used for ESOL services.
- 17. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$116,748 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$3,948) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$112,800) which will support the Support for Tenants at Risk (STAR) homelessness prevention program based at the Multi-Service Center and to contract with Eliot Community Services for a clinician who will be based at Cambridge District Court and/or the Eastern Housing court, a legal service provider (Greater Boston Legal Services) who will provide legal advice to tenants at risk of homelessness, and to provide rental and/or financial assistance to prevent homelessness.
- 18. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grant for the King Open Preschool, the Martin Luther King Jr. Preschool and the Kennedy/Longfellow Preschool, received from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, in the amount of \$78,209, to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salaries and Wages account (\$6,761) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$71,448) which will be used to support and enhance the quality of education for preschool children in UPK classrooms through professional development, curriculum enrichment, and parent involvement.

- 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 \$58,995 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$32,387) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$26,608) which 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).
- 20. 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 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.
- 21. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-80, regarding constructions costs for Inman Square and Awaiting Report Item Number 19-87, regarding the contractor for Inman Square.
- 22. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 19-13, 19-71 and 19-78, regarding Eversource substation expansion, energy projections and overall update on process.
- 23. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-59, regarding exploring a pilot for Level 1 (110V) EV and micromobility charging stations on street light poles throughout the city.
- 24. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-07, regarding a report on Boston's electric vehicle charging station home rule petition and propose similar language for City Council consideration.
- 25. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-141, regarding a report on safe way to bring power to the curb and across sidewalks to power electric vehicles.
- 26. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-36, regarding the PTDM Ordinance.
- 27. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-

- 82, regarding the possibility of Bluebikes system expanding into the Alewife/Cambridge Highlands area.
- 28. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$75,000 from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund (211 Concord Turnpike/Lanes & Games \$25,000, and 35 CambridgePark Drive \$50,000) to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used for the purchase and expenses of Bluebikes bikeshare equipment.
- 29. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$18,350 from the Bluebikes Capital Projects Equipment Fund to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expense Account donated to the bikeshare program by Biomed Realty and will be used for the purchase and expenses of Bluebikes bikeshare equipment.
- 30. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-51, regarding safety concerns at the intersection of Garden Street, Field Street, and Alpine Street.
- 31. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-81, regarding the new traffic signals at the intersection of Broadway and Ellery Street.
- 32. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-60, regarding small business parking pilot.
- 33. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-87, regarding editing capabilities for navigation applications.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

 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.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 2. 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]
- A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale,
   City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-108, regarding a report on offering early voting in City

- Council and School Committee Elections. [PENDING RESPONSE FROM LEGISLATURE]
- 4. 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]
- 5. 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 Mass. Ave. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

## APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- An application was received from MIT Visual Arts Center requesting permission for fifteen temporary banners on Ames Street, Memorial Drive to Main Street, announcing Public Art at MIT from Aug 5, 2019 thru Oct 13, 2019.
- An application was received from Nicola Williams requesting permission for a temporary banner across the Public Way located at Mass. Ave. in front of City Hall, Mass. Ave. at JFK at Mount Auburn Street announcing Cambridge Carnival International from Aug 26, 2019 thru Sept 9, 2019.
- 3. An application was received from John Kessen of Cafe Du Pays, requesting permission for 3 tables and 8 chairs at the premises numbered 233 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue.
- 4. An application was received from IMA Pizza Store 22, requesting permission for seven tables and 13 chairs at the premises numbered 3 Brattle Street.
- 5. An application was received from Amistad Ventures, requesting permission for a sidewalk sign in front of the premises numbered 614 Mass. Ave.
- 6. An application was received from Richard Pretorius representing Rayban, requesting permission for one projecting sign and one awning at the premises numbered 19 Brattle Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
- 7. An application was received from Yoki Restaurant, requesting permission for two projecting signs and two awnings at the premises numbered 1876 Mass. Ave. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
- 8. An application was received from Kelly Boucher, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 227 Prospect 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.

- 9. An application was received from Kelly Brown representing MIT Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting permission for seventy-four (74) awnings at the premises numbered 189 Vassar Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
- 10. A revised Petition Has been received from Stephen R. Karp, Trustee of Cambridge Side Galeria Associates trust to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance by adding a new Section 13.100 to Article 13.00 of the Zoning Ordinance and to amend the Zoning Map to add a new PUD-8 District overlay that certain area (which includes parcels and portions of ways and streets) labeled as "PUD-8 district".
- 11. A petition was received from Daniel Wolf, regarding Sacramento No-Dog Petition and related materials.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- A communication was received from Bob and Debbie Barnes, 303 3rd Street, regarding the Sullivan Courthouse redevelopment project.
- A communication was received from Jacquelyn Smith, 7
   Ashburton Place, regarding decisions before the City Council.
- A communication was received from Judith Kamm, 21 Otis Street, regarding the Spring Street parking lot lease to Leggatt McCall.
- 4. A communication was received from Ali Malihi, 17 Otis Street, regarding the Sullivan Courthouse building in East Cambridge and the leasing of the spaces in the public municipal parking lot on First Street.
- A communication was received from Lisa Griffith, 111
   Magazine Street, regarding the First Street garage parking disposition.
- A communication was received from Jose Estrela, 29 Otis Street, regarding the Sullivan Courthouse development and parking.
- A communication was received from Zach Sloan, COO/CFO, InnerCity Weightlifting, Inc., regarding the First Street Garage.
- A communication was received from Christopher Schmidt,
   Laurel Street, regarding the Sullivan Courthouse parking disposition.
- A communication was received from Doug and Rebecca Castoldi, 82 Otis Street, regarding support for First Street garage.
- 10. A communication was received from Ilan Levy, Vice-President, ECPT, regarding the Sullivan Courthouse.
- A communication was received from Ladan Khamsi, 29
   Otis Street, regarding the Sullivan Courthouse project.
- A communication was received from Carolyn Magid, 71
  Reed Street, regarding the Sullivan Courthouse and parking
  disposition.

- A communication was received from Henry H. Wortis, 106 Berkshire Street, regarding the Sullivan Courthouse redevelopment.
- 14. A communication was received from Sheli Wortis, 106 Berkshire Street, regarding the First Street parking garage.
- 15. A communication was received from Monica Guan, 62 Hurley Street, regarding the First Street garage and the Sullivan Courthouse.
- 16. A communication was received from Jane Regan, 90 Lexington Avenue, regarding the Sullivan Courthouse site and the potential leasing of First Street Garage parking spaces.
- 17. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, 15 Laurel Street, regarding deplorable state of Hoyt Field parking lot/Moore Youth Center/Tot lot.
- 18. A communication was received from Joseph A. Aiello, 207 Charles Street, regarding the Sullivan Courthouse and First Street Garage.
- 19. A communication was received from Michele Sprengnether, 31 Chilton Street, regarding the New Street Overlay proposal and insufficient fitness facilities in Cambridge.
- 20. A communication was received from Marilyn Wellons,651 Greet Street, regarding First Street Garage.
- 21. A communication was received from Susan Redlich, 19 Sacramento Street, regarding public parking lease.
- 22. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding asteroid destroying the earth.
- 23. A communication was received from Joan Krizack, 79 Pemberton Street, regarding Affordable Housing Overlay.
- 24. A communication was received from John Lee, regarding opposition for the playground of 2 million dollars we feel it has needs of seasonal only for Autistic Children.
- 25. A communication was received from Abra Berkowitz, 632 Mass. Ave., regarding consultation with First Street garage parkers.
- 26. A communication was received from Ann Dix, 34 Maple Avenue, regarding voting no on Courthouse development.
- 27. A communication was received from Kim Young, 17 Norris Street, regarding a for-profit developer to use one of his existing properties for an AHO project.
- 28. A communication was received from Jason Alves, regarding support for Leggat McCall Properties.
- 29. A communication was received from Jason Alves, regarding support of parking lease.
- 30. A communication was received from Fred Pretorius, 103 Otis Street, regarding urging to approve the proposal for the First Street Garage Parking.

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- 31. A communication was received from Jude Glaubman, 154 Auburn Street, regarding vote no on private parking lease at First Street Garage.
- 32. A communication was received from John Roberts, 321 Huron Avenue, regarding support for keeping the Sullivan Courthouse as a public asset.
- 33. A communication was received from Leslie Crystal, regarding vote no on Parking Garage Lease.
- 34. A communication was received from Kelsey Heebink, 350 Pearl Street, regarding vote no on the Parking Garage Lease.
- 35. A communication was received from Catherine Wright, 17 Otis Street, regarding support of Leggat McCall's proposed development of the Sullivan Courthouse.
- 36. A communication was received from Kathy Watkins, 90 Fawcett Street, regarding vote no on long-term lease City Garage.
- 37. A communication was received from Cindy Marsh, 16 Laurel Street, regarding vote no on First Street Garage Lease.
- 38. A communication was received from Patricia Bull, 399 Broadway, regarding vote no on the Parking Garage Lease.
- 39. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, regarding Sullivan Square and Tubman Park.
- 40. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, regarding no left turn on Mass. Ave. and Prospect/Western Avenue.
- 41. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, regarding parking garage at Courthouse.
- 42. A communication was received from Nicolai Cauchy, 387 Huron Avenue, regarding no GROWTH in Cambridge.
- 43. A communication was received from Tom and Sue Owen, 950 Mass. Ave., regarding opposition to the Affordable Housing Overlay petition.
- 44. A communication was received from Yarlennys Villaman, 20 Child Street, regarding approve the lease for First Street Garage.
- 45. A communication was received from Robert Camacho, 24 Corporal Burns Road, regarding SSG proposal, AHO, Evolve Fitness Center.
- 46. A communication was received from Michele Sprengnether, 31 Chilton Street, regarding New Street Overlay proposal and insufficient fitness facilities in Cambridge recreation.
- 47. A communication was received from Joe Aiello, 207 Charles Street, regarding Sullivan Courthouse Redevelopment and First Street Garage parking lease.
- 48. A communication was received from Annette Lamond, 7 Riedesel Avenue, regarding support for Robert Simha's letter against the AHO proposal.

- 49. A communication was received from Lauren O'Neal, 146 Third Street, regarding Affordable Housing Overlay petition.
- 50. A communication was received from Christopher Mackin,17 Story Street, regarding Affordable Housing Overlay.
- 51. A communication was received from lyn Kardatzke, 20 Second Street, regarding Sullivan Courthouse redevelopment.
- 52. A communication was received from Kelly Dolan, Upland Road, regarding Affordable Housing Zoning petition.
- 53. A communication was received from Kim Young, regarding continued hearing on 100% Affordable Housing Overlay Zoning petition.
- A communication was received from Carol Weinhaus, regarding AHO problems.
- 55. A communication was received from Kendal Square Association, 344 Broadway, regarding support for proposed mixed use commercial and residential development project at 40 Thorndike Street.
- 56. A communication was received from Jane Regan, regarding brief points regarding the City Manager, asbestos clean-up and affordable housing crisis.
- 57. A communication was received from Rebecca Ramsay, regarding support for solutions to an ecological problem.
- 58. A communication was received from Helen Snively, regarding Pod Patrol.
- 59. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding secret destruction of Magazine Beach.
- 60. A communication was received from Lee Pedro, 14 Roosevelt Towers, regarding Affordable Housing.
- Sundry communications were received in support the redevelopment of the Sullivan Courthouse and First Street Parking Garage.
- 62. A communication was received from Sarah Eusden Gallop, MIT Government and Community Relations, regarding curb cut application for the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center project is included in the Council packet tonight for your review and approval. As you know, MIT is acting as the agent for the federal government in this instance, in accordance with its agreement with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA).
- 63. A communication was received from Marc Levy, regarding finding of the Attorney General's office about violations of Open Meeting Law by our Police Review and Advisory Board.

## RESOLUTIONS

 Resolution on the death of Brockton Mayor Bill Carpenter.
 Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mallon

- 2. Resolution on the death of Stephen "Stevie" Martin. Councillor Toomey
- 3. Resolution on the death of Virginia "Ginny" Taylor. Councillor Toomey
- 4. Resolution on the death of James "Jim" Hazlett. Councillor Toomey
- 5. Thanks to Selvin Chambers for his service to Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House as the Interim Director. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Siddiqui
- 6. Resolution on the death of Anthony Sylvester. Councillor Simmons
- 7. Resolution on the death of Saint Victor Cadet. Councillor Toomey
- 8. Resolution on the death of Laudalino Ferreira. Councillor Toomey
- 9. Resolution on the death of Branca De Andrade. Councillor Toomey
- 10. Resolution on the death of Maria de Jesus Moniz. Councillor Toomey
- 11. Resolution on the death of Francis "Fran" Casey Sr. Councillor Toomey
- 12. Resolution on the death of John J. Courtney, Sr. Councillor Toomey
- 13. Resolution on the death of Vaughan Barton. Councillor Toomey
- 14. Resolution on the death of Dolores "Beba" Durette. Councillor Toomey
- 15. Congratulations to Alan Lappas on being named Executive Director of Neville Place. Councillor Toomey
- 16. Thanks to the Sufi Service Committee for their dedication and goodwill and congratulations for another successful year fostering community and wishing them continued success for many more years of service. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui
- 17. Congratulations to Hans Richter on his retirement from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Councillor Zondervan
- 18. Congratulations to Ellen Mass for her dedication to protecting the environment and providing stewardship of the Alewife Reservation and best wishes on her retirement. Councillor Zondervan
- 19. Resolution on the death of Claudio Pimentel. Councillor Toomey
- 20. Resolution on the death of Maureen Manning. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Mallon
- 21. Resolution on the death of Kenneth "Ken" Halloran. Councillor Toomey
- 22. Congratulations to Elon Fyfield on the release of his Debut Album titled Ocean View. Councillor Zondervan

- 23. Resolution on the death of Ronnie Rose. Councillor Simmons
- 24. Congratulations to James O'Connor on his retirement from the Department of Public Works. Mayor McGovern
- 25. Retirement of Dale Cusack from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. Mayor McGovern
- 26. Congratulations to Robert Skinner on his retirement from the Water Department. Mayor McGovern
- 27. Congratulations to Michelle Hairston on her retirement from the Department of Human Services. Mayor McGovern
- 28. Retirement of Anne Beaulieu from the Emergency Communications Department. Mayor McGovern
- 29. Retirement of Jean Ryan from the Cambridge Police Department. Mayor McGovern

#### **ORDERS**

- 1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to pay additional attention to the cleaning and maintenance of Greene-Rose Heritage Park for the balance of the summer season and going forward. Councillor Simmons
- 2. City Council support of H.2875 bill extending the electric vehicle consumer rebate program. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan
- 3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Department of Public Works, the Water Department and members of the Pod Patrol to reach out to Somerville and local organizations, including the Cambridge Plant and Garden Club, the Cambridge Committee on Public Planting, and Green Cambridge, to coordinate with Somerville's efforts in initiating more robust and regional public outreach on the dangers of black swallow-wort. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui
- 4. That the City Manager is requested to facilitate a meeting that includes representatives from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Harvard University, The Charles Hotel, the Harvard Square Business Association and the Harvard Square Neighborhood Association, and the Residences at Charles Square Condominium Association (975 Memorial Drive) to discuss how to work together on a plan to restore the fountain dedicated to President John F. Kennedy. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Kelley
- 5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Department of Public Works (DPW) to provide a report on how DPW prioritizes streets that need repaving but are not in the fiveyear street and sidewalk reconstruction plan, a report on how streets are selected for interim paving improvements to address bicycle travel conditions, and a list of streets that received paving improvements as a result of this allocation during the past five years, as well as a list of streets that will

- be prioritized as part of PB 5 "Smoother Cycling." Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Kelley
- 6. City Council opposition to any proposal that would increase allowable semi-truck weight or trailer length without the ability to regulate such at the municipal level. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui
- 7. That the Government Operations/Rules and Claims
  Committee be and hereby is requested to coordinate with
  relevant representatives from the Attorney General's office
  and the City Manager's office to hold a meeting, to include
  City staff, to review Open Meeting Law requirements for
  elected and appointed City officials. Councillor Kelley,
  Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor
  Zondervan
- 8. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Police Department and other appropriate departments to determine whether idling vehicles may be added as a complaint category in SeeClickFix, or whether a non-emergency text hotline could be set up to transmit photographic or video evidence of truck idling and blocked bike lanes to the Police Department or other department that can enforce the idling laws. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan
- That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff to provide the supporting documentation as it relates to the claim of a decrease in cyclists' running red lights. Councillor Kelley
- 10. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to post the information from the Cambridge Public Health Department about safe needle disposal in city parks and public buildings and to direct the Police Commissioner to establish stricter enforcement of city park hours and direct the Commissioner of Public Works Department to increase the level of hand-sweepers cleaning the city parks and to share what safety precautions the workers are using. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Kelley
- 11. That the Government Operations/Rules and Claims
  Committee is requested to coordinate with relevant staff to
  hold a meeting to discuss the feasibility of adding a private
  attorney budget item to the City Council budget.
  Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Devereux
- 12. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to take measures to landscape and clean up the Rindge Avenue and Alewife Brook Parkway area. Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Mallon
- 13. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Human Services on the matter of increasing the amount of funding assistance provided to the Multi-Service Center by the City of Cambridge. Councillor

- Siddiqui, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
- 14. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff on removing the noncompliant Ant Bikes from City property, after providing a warning to the operator. Councillor Kelley
- 15. That the Public Safety Committee hold a meeting to discuss safety plans associated with the Inman Square redesign to help ensure that the Inman Square area is as safe as possible both during construction activity and after work hours. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Simmons
- 16. That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning
  Committee is requested to hold a hearing to review City
  policy on sidewalk surface treatments, with the goal of
  clearly establishing that where sidewalks are or traditionally
  were made of brick, the sidewalks should remain or become
  brick, when feasible after sidewalk work. Councillor
  Kelley, Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Devereux
- 17. That the proposed zoning amendments to Articles 2.00 and 4.32 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to permit Shared Mobility be referred to the Ordinance Committee for further review. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Mallon
- 18. That the Public Safety Committee is requested to hold a meeting with relevant City and School staff to determine how Cambridge informs minors of their rights and obligations under the law and to determine what types of teaching tools might best be used to expand this important knowledge. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Devereux
- 19. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff on the feasibility of implementing an additional regulatory requirement for listing a registration/license number for Short-Term Rentals.

  Councillor Kelley, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons
- 20. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Toomey for a suitable dedication in the vicinity of May Street and Lawn Court in honor of World War II Veteran John Daniliuk. Councillor Toomey
- 21. That the Amendment to Chapter 2.128 Surveillance Ordinance Technology be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee for a hearing. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Siddiqui
- 22. Dedicating the Family and Social Justice Section in the Cambridge Police Department in Honor of Robert C. Haas. Mayor McGovern
- 23. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department to collect data on

- how many households have taken advantage of Cambridge Energy Alliance services. Councillor Mallon
- 24. That the City Manager is requested to schedule community meetings with Cambridge residents to discuss design options and strategies to guide the City's work with DCR on the Memorial Drive Phase III project. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Carlone
- 25. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the License Commission and City Solicitor's office to drop all charges against UpperWest and its owners, to reconsider UpperWest's package store application, and to issue a public apology to UpperWest and its owners. Councillor Zondervan

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Jan Devereux, Co-Chair and Councillor Quinton Zondervan, Co-Chair of the Health and Environment Committee for a public hearing held on June 4, 2019 to discuss the proposed 100% Affordable Housing Overlay as it relates to the tree canopy, open space, green space and stormwater management
- 2. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone Co-Chair and Councillor Craig A. Kelley, Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on June 26, 2019 to discuss a petition received from Self Storage Group, LLC to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a New Street Overlay District.
- 3. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone Co-Chair and Councillor Craig A. Kelley, Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on July 11, 2019 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.
- 4. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone Co-Chair and Councillor Craig A. Kelley, Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on June 27, 2019 was to continue discussions on a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code to add a new Chapter 5.50 entitled "Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance."
- 5. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Alanna Mallon, Co-Chair and Councillor Sumbul Siddiqui, Co-Chair of the Human Services and Veterans Committee, for a public hearing held on June 19, 2019 to discuss the results of the City Manager's Opioid Task Force Report and

- the recommendations that could be implemented to reduce the harmful effects of the opioid crisis in the City of Cambridge.
- 6. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Jan Devereux, Co-Chair and Councillor Quinton Zondervan, Co-Chair of the Health and Environment Committee for a public hearing held on May 29, 2019 was to conduct a joint hearing with the Climate Resilience Task Force to receive an update on the progress of the task force to date and to receive input and feedback.
- 7. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone Co-Chair and Councillor Craig A. Kelley, Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on July 2, 2019 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create a city-wide Affordable Housing Overlay District (AHOD).
- 8. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee, for a public hearing held on May 29, 2019 to discuss the Massachusetts Equal Pay Law that was enacted in 2018 what employees, supervisors, and City leadership should know, what are the best practices, and how metrics must be established to ensure compliance with this new law.
- 9. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councilor E. Denise Simmons, Co-Chair and Councilor Sumbul Siddiqui Co-Chair, of the Housing Committee for a public hearing held on June 25, 2019 to discuss the Affordable Housing Trust's recommendations for the City's Inclusionary Housing Program's preferences on selecting residents for available units.

# COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a memorandum from Councillor Mallon, transmitting the final report of the Mayor's Arts Task Force.
- A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a memorandum from Councillor Carlone, regarding the general public my comments and questions, and zoning recommendations for the proposed Affordable Housing Overlay submitted on Apr 25, 2019.
- 3. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a memorandum from Councillor Mallon and Mayor McGovern regarding Amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay.

#### HEARING SCHEDULE

#### Tues, July 30

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

#### Thurs, Aug 1

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

#### Wed, Aug 14

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a zoning petition filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance for create a new section in Section 19.20, entitled Project Review Special Permit. THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED

# Mon, Sept 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - televised)
6:30pm The City Council will hold a public hearing on the disposition of a leasehold interest in 420 parking spaces and approximately 9,000 square feet of ground floor retail (together the "Leasehold Interest") in the First Street Garage, located at 55 First Street and owned by the City of Cambridge, to the developer Leggat McCall Properties, which was conditionally awarded the bid pursuant to G.L. Chapter 30B subject to the review and approval of the disposition of the Leasehold Interest by the City Council pursuant to the City's Municipal Disposition Ordinance, Chapter 2.110 of the Cambridge Municipal Code (the "disposition Ordinance"). This hearing will be held pursuant to the Disposition Ordinance As part of the legal requirements for disposing of the Leasehold Interest. (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)

#### Mon, Sept 16

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

#### Mon, Sept 23

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

#### Mon, Oct 7

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

## TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 July 29, 2019

**COUNCILLOR SIMMONS** 

- WHEREAS: A number of residents have recently reached out to the City Council citing an increased amount of garbage and debris in and around Greene-Rose Heritage Park, and have requested that the City make greater efforts to maintain the cleanliness of this area; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to pay additional attention to the cleaning and maintenance of Greene-Rose Heritage Park for the balance of the summer season and going forward, and to report back on this effort to the City Council this fall.

O-2 July 29, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

- WHEREAS: According to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, gasoline-powered personal vehicles cause over 60 percent of transportation-related emissions, representing a major contribution to the accelerating climate crisis; and
- WHEREAS: In order to reach the state's carbon emissions reduction targets, every available tool must be implemented, including a rapid transition to low-emissions electric vehicles (EV's); and
- WHEREAS: Massachusetts has a goal of transitioning to 300,000 EV's in the state by 2025, but to date there are only about 18,000 registered; and
- WHEREAS: A statewide EV consumer rebate program, MOR-EV, has helped residents of the Commonwealth make the switch to EV's since 2014, and has just begun to gain momentum in helping make a difference in emissions rates; and
- WHEREAS: At the beginning of 2019, the rebate amount was decreased by \$1,000, and the entire program is <u>at risk of being cancelled</u> after Sept 30, 2019, due to a lack of funding; and
- WHEREAS: <u>H.2875</u>: An Act codifying the electric vehicle consumer rebate program would return the rebate amount to \$2,500 and ensure that an EV rebate program will continue past September 2019; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting this bill to maintain customers' access to an EV rebate program (H.2875), and in encouraging the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to act in support of these bills; and be it further
- RESOLVED: 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 entire City Council.

O-3 July 29, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

**COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI** 

- WHEREAS: Black swallow-wort (Cynanchum louiseae) is an invasive species of milkweed that is prevalent in the region and threatens the monarch butterfly population because they mistake it for "common milkweed" whose leaves are the sole source of nutrition needed by the butterfly eggs to develop into caterpillars; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge Pod Patrol is a group of community members who have worked since 2011 to stem the spread of black swallow-wort and eradicate the plant locally; and
- WHEREAS: Recognizing that this is a regional issue, the City of Somerville has created a campaign to raise awareness about black swallow-wort and encourage action against it, basing many of their materials off those created by Cambridge Pod Patrol; and
- WHEREAS: A small amount of funding to print and distribute this information would go a long way in eliminating this invasive plant and protecting the pollinators that are harmed by it; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Public Works, the Water Department and members of the Pod Patrol to reach out to Somerville and local organizations, including the Cambridge Plant and Garden Club, the Cambridge Committee on Public Planting, and Green Cambridge,

to coordinate with Somerville's efforts in initiating more robust and regional public outreach on the dangers of black swallow-wort (Cynanchum louiseae) and measures that can be taken to eliminate this invasive species; and be it further

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

O-4 July 29, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

- WHEREAS: The centerpiece fountain of John F. Kennedy Park has fallen into a state of disrepair, no longer functions as a working fountain, and is covered in graffiti; and
- WHEREAS: Both a cost estimate and a consensus among a group of stakeholders are needed to begin the process of renovating and rehabilitating this fountain, which is owned by the state; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to facilitate a meeting that includes representatives from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Harvard University, The Charles Hotel, the Harvard Square Business Association and the Harvard Square Neighborhood Association, and the Residences at Charles Square Condominium Association (975 Memorial Drive) to discuss how to work together on a plan to restore this fountain dedicated to President John F. Kennedy, including obtaining an initial cost estimate; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-5 July 29, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

- WHEREAS: When Eversource or another entity conducts underground utility work, it is required to bring the road surface back to its pre-construction conditions, typically using patch repaving; and
- WHEREAS: If conditions are already poor on a particular street, the resulting patch repaving may not result in an improved outcome after construction, representing a missed opportunity to leave residents with more even and usable road conditions concurrent with the completion of one round of construction; and
- WHEREAS: Uneven paving and patching that obscure bike lane markings can especially impact cyclists, and evaluation of postwork road conditions is crucial for ensuring safe and efficient road usage, as noted in the <a href="Participatory Budgeting Cycle 5">Participatory Budgeting Cycle 5</a> (PB 5)
  <a href=""Smoother Cycling" allocation description">"Smoother Cycling" allocation description</a>; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Public Works (DPW) to provide a report on how DPW prioritizes streets that need repaving but are not in the five-year street and sidewalk reconstruction plan, a report on how streets are selected for interim paving improvements to address bicycle travel conditions, and a list of streets that received paving improvements as a result of this allocation during the past five years, as well as a list of streets that will be prioritized as part of PB 5 "Smoother Cycling"; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-6 July 29, 2019 VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX COUNCILLOR KELLEY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has adopted a Complete Streets policy and has formally committed to Vision Zero, with goals of eliminating transportation fatalities and serious injuries, as well as continuing to reduce crash rates for all modes; and
- WHEREAS: In 2016, after conducting a <u>study</u> that found increased crash rates for heavier trucks, ranging from 47% to 400% increases, the USDOT issued a final recommendation that no changes be made to increase relevant truck size and weight limits; and
- WHEREAS: The study also found that longer double trailers had a 22-foot increased stopping distance, bigger blind spots, wider turning radiuses, and a lessened ability to make evasive maneuvers, demonstrating there are unique dangers associated with these vehicles, especially in an urban environment like Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: It is already extremely challenging to manage the large volume of commercial vehicle traffic in Cambridge, and too often, trucks have been involved in crashes with pedestrians and cyclists, many times with fatal consequences; and
- WHEREAS: The larger and heavier gasoline- and diesel-powered trucks are, the more they compound the drastic contributions of motor vehicles to the climate crisis; and
- WHEREAS: Federal proposals that would raise maximum semi-truck weights from 80,000 to 91,000 pounds and increase the length of double trailers from 28' each to 33' threaten the City's efforts to protect pedestrian and cyclist safety and would lead to additional greenhouse gas emissions from trucks, further exacerbating the climate crisis; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record opposing any proposal that would increase allowable semi-truck weight or trailer length without the ability to regulate such at the municipal level; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Senator Ed Markey, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Congresswoman Katherine Clark and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 July 29, 2019 COUNCILLOR KELLEY VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

- WHEREAS: Open Meeting Law compliance can be a complex challenge for public officials, including both appointed and elected officials; and
- WHEREAS: Issues include appropriate notice of public meetings, training of relevant officials, participation on list-serves and other email and digital communications and quorum attendance of elected officials at non-public meetings; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the Government Operations/Rules and Claims
  Committee be and hereby is requested to coordinate with relevant
  representatives from the Attorney General's office and the City
  Manager's office to hold a meeting, to include City staff, to review

Open Meeting Law requirements for elected and appointed City officials.

O-8 July 29, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The unnecessary idling of vehicle engines is prohibited under state law (Mass GL Ch 90, Section 16A) in excess of 5 minutes and subject to a fine of up to \$100 for a first offense and up to \$500 for each subsequent violation; and

WHEREAS: Illegally idling vehicles are one of the most avoidable sources of CO2 emissions, a detriment to air quality, a contributor to the urban heat island effect, and a sound nuisance; and

WHEREAS: Idling vehicles also commonly obstruct bike lanes throughout the city; and

WHEREAS: While there is currently an option to report vehicles blocking a bike lane on SeeClickFix, there is not an option to make a complaint about an illegally idling vehicle, no matter where it is parked, and submit photographic or video evidence to SeeClickFix; and

WHEREAS: The current method of reporting an idling vehicle is a phone call to the Police Department's non-emergency line, which means a reporting pedestrian, cyclist or motorist must stop their own progress toward their destination in order to complete a lengthy phone call, which likely leads to fewer reports being made and less enforcement than is possible; and

WHEREAS: The ability to take a photo or video and quickly send off a report would greatly increase participation in enforcement; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Police Department and other appropriate departments to determine whether idling vehicles may be added as a complaint category in SeeClickFix, or whether a non-emergency text hotline could be set up to transmit photographic or video evidence of truck idling and blocked bike lanes to the Police Department or other department that can enforce the idling laws; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Police Department to provide a list within the app of vehicles, such as armored trucks, refrigerated delivery vehicles, buses using wheelchair lifts, and ambulances, for which idling may be considered "necessary" or "unavoidable" under the law (see explanation) and to add data on the number of citations for idling issued annually to the Open Data Portal, beginning in 2016; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by the end of September 2019.

O-9 July 29, 2019

#### COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Street safety is improved when cyclists act responsibly and operate safely and in accordance with the law, in addition to drivers operating mindfully and safely around cyclists; and

WHEREAS: At a recent Bike Plan meeting at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, City staff and consultants made a data claim that cyclists running selected red lights had dramatically decreased over a number of years; and

WHEREAS: There was no information source to support the claim and many individuals' lived experience is that cyclists often run

red lights that do not pose significant or immediate hazards from cross vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS: As of July 23, 2019, City staff had not provided the source for this claim despite two requests; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff to provide the supporting documentation for this claim of a decrease in cyclists' running red lights and report back to the Council.

O-10 July 29, 2019 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: In February 2018, the City Council requested that City staff create a formal 24/7 response program for residents to report and for the City to remove dangerous syringes/needles and to provide easily accessible needle safety information including emergency needle removal disposal contacts on the City's website; and

WHEREAS In June 2018, the City Manager shared a report from the Cambridge Public Health office with the requested information and the information was added to the City's website; and

WHEREAS: Improperly discarded syringes/needles continue to be a prevalent city-wide problem with many residents voicing concern about finding them and noting a surge of them in city parks and are still unsure of what to do when they come across them; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to post the information from the Cambridge Public Health Department about safe needle disposal in city parks and public buildings and to direct the Police Commissioner to establish stricter enforcement of city park hours and direct the Commissioner of Public Works Department to increase the level of hand-sweepers cleaning the city parks and to share what safety precautions the workers are using and to report back to the City Council on this matter by the Sept 9, 2019 City Council meeting.

O-11 July 29, 2019 COUNCILLOR KELLEY

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: In the course of executing their ongoing responsibilities, City Councillors often have questions that require specific and immediate legal expertise; and

WHEREAS: The City Solicitor's Office regularly provides guidance on a range of issues and across City departments, but is less able to provide individual representation or advice to Councillors on specific City Council matters, absent a formal City Council request for legal assistance, and may be limited in its ability to provide answers in as timely a fashion as City Councillors might want; and

WHEREAS: A City Council budget item for City Councillors to seek direct legal advice from a preselected private attorney(ies), while providing all relevant questions and legal opinions through City Council communications, would provide additional options and a more custom and possibly more timely response to issues for which City Councillors want specific legal guidance; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Government Operations/Rules and Claims
Committee be and hereby is requested to coordinate with relevant
staff to hold a meeting to discuss the feasibility of adding a private
attorney budget item to the City Council budget.

O-12 July 29, 2019 COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX COUNCILLOR KELLEY COUNCILLOR MALLON

- WHEREAS: Residents in the North Cambridge neighborhood have raised concerns about the western-most end of Rindge Avenue (from 316 Rindge Ave east-bound/the Comeau Field south-east entrance to the intersection of Rindge Avenue with the Alewife Brook Parkway [ABP], up to and including the concrete median) as well as the north-bound side of the Alewife Brook Parkway, from the commuter rail overpass to the Rindge Avenue intersection; and
- WHEREAS: The reported concerns related to aesthetic appearance, such as a lack of greenery in the area, as well as general maintenance and safety, and some specific examples of these include:
- The minimal vegetation present along Rindge Avenue's east-bound side [see attached IMAGE 1]—in plots belonging to Just-A-Start Corporation or under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation (DCR)—appears neglected, overgrown and laden with weeds and litter
  - Sections of the ABP overpass are in need of repair (e.g. crumbling concrete on railing in more than one location), and the graffiti along the north-bound pedestrian walkway should be removed [PHOTOS A, B and C]
  - The highly-trafficked pedestrian crosswalk—connecting the east entrance of Comeau Field across Rindge Avenue to the sidewalk opposite [IMAGE 2 and PHOTO D]—presents safety concerns for both pedestrians and drivers, particularly in summertime with foot traffic heading to and from the Francis J. McCrehan Memorial Swimming Pool; and
- WHEREAS: In terms of aesthetic improvements to the area, some relatively accessible landscaping opportunities exist, for example:
  - The significant mulched area along the outside of the fence bordering Comeau Field is vacant save for interspersed trees and could have greenery added [IMAGE 2 and PHOTO E]
  - The concrete traffic median separating the turning lanes off and
    on to the ABP at the ABP-Rindge Avenue intersection [IMAGE
    1] could have planters added, similar to that which the City's
    Department of Public Works constructed for the park and traffic
    median at the intersection of the ABP and Mass. Ave. just north;
    now therefore be it
- ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to take measures to plant grasses, flowers, and otherwise add greenery, beautify and clean up, the areas suggested above where feasible and appropriate [IMAGE 1 and 2]; and be it further
- ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to support the Department of Public Works in the following:
  - Consulting with the Traffic and Parking Department on options for improving the safety and visibility of the pedestrian crosswalk (e.g. adding a flashing light, signage, or similar);
  - Urging the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to tend to the broken concrete and railing on the ABP overpass and the graffiti along its north-bound pedestrian walkway;
  - Urging Just-A-Start Corporation to clean up curbside plots along this portion of Rindge Avenue; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-13 July 29, 2019 COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI MAYOR MCGOVERN COUNCILLOR SIMMONS COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: Between 2000 and 2014, cost-of-living in the City of Cambridge grew by nearly 60% (over 20% higher than the projected growth rate given inflation, 37%), and rents have continued to increase rapidly in the years since; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 70% of Cambridge residents are renters, this trend has resulted in the displacement of many low-, moderate, and middle-income residents and families from this City; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Multi-Service Center offers case management services to those individuals and families experiencing homelessness or otherwise at-risk of losing their housing; and
- WHEREAS: Depending on the needs of the individual or family, case-management services may be immediate and limited, such as securing shelter for the night, or more complex and longer-term, such as helping a family avoid eviction; and
- WHEREAS: In many of these cases, individuals and families are in need of financial support in order to cover rent and utility arrearages, moving expenses, and household costs associated with leasing a new unit, such as first month's rent and security deposit, where required; and
- WHEREAS: The Multi-Service Center can provide one-time financial assistance to help cover these costs, currently in the amount of \$1,500 per individual or family per year, not to exceed \$3000 over a period of five years; and
- WHEREAS: This amount has not been increased since 2014; and WHEREAS: In order to adequately support the Multi-Service Center in serving and meeting the needs of an increasingly financially-burdened Cambridge community, the Mayor's Blue-Ribbon Task Force on Tenant Displacement recommends raising the financial assistance cap from \$1500 to \$2000, to be accounted for through an increase in the overall funding allocated to the Multi-Service Center; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Human Services on the matter of increasing the amount of funding assistance provided to the Multi-Service Center by the City of Cambridge, and report back to the Mayor's Blue-Ribbon Task Force on Tenant Displacement on this matter by its September 2019 meeting.

O-14 July 29, 2019

## COUNCILLOR KELLEY

- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has made the decision not to allow Ant Bicycle, among other bike-sharing companies, to operate within City limits; and
- WHEREAS: Recently, there has been a large uptick in the amount of noncompliant Ant Bikes that have been stored on City of Cambridge streets and sidewalks for days at a time; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff on removing the noncompliant Ant Bikes from City property, after providing a warning to the operator.

O-15 July 29, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

**COUNCILLOR SIMMONS** 

- WHEREAS: Inman Square is undergoing a multi-year, multi-million dollar redesign that will, at times during the reconstruction process, leave streets, sidewalks and plazas in the area in a state of disrepair and will also have immediate impacts on traffic flow as lanes are closed, sidewalks made inaccessible and similar temporary changes occur to facilitate construction work; and
- WHEREAS: Newport Construction is executing the Inman Square project and also is working on the adjacent Beacon Street project;
- WHEREAS: Newport Construction's poor management of street safety during its Beacon Street project, to include leaving unmarked wet cement unshielded from cyclists in the open bike lane, resulted in at least one injury requiring medical attention; and
- WHEREAS: Newport Construction's current work in Inman Square has resulted in bike lane closures with chaotic merging flows of cyclists into the main traffic lane; and
- WHEREAS: Staging of equipment, signage of street and sidewalk hazards and placement of traffic barriers for both pedestrian and cyclist hazards have been haphazard for the Beacon Street project and, if similarly done in Inman Square, would create unacceptable dangers and possibly lead to injuries; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the Public Safety Committee hold a meeting to discuss safety plans associated with the Inman Square redesign to help ensure that the Inman Square area is as safe as possible both during construction activity and after work hours.

O-16 July 29, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

- WHEREAS: Brick sidewalks have been a signature characteristic of Cambridge for more than one hundred and fifty (150) years and this legacy helps distinguish Cambridge from less historical cities across the US; and
- WHEREAS: Brick sidewalks, and brick buildings, beautify the City and reflect its history as one of the nation's earliest pre-Revolutionary municipalities; and
- WHEREAS: This legacy of brick sidewalks is being reduced as brick sidewalks and, especially, their associated ramps across the City are being replaced, in part or in whole, by concrete or asphalt; and
- WHEREAS: Wire cut bricks properly laid on a foundation of concrete can minimize vibrations for wheelchair users, mitigate trip hazards and improve drainage compared to concrete sidewalks while offering similar longevity and ADA accessibility options;
- WHEREAS: The current approach to sidewalk maintenance and replacement is inconsistent and results in many brick sidewalks being disrupted by construction cuts with makeshift patches of concrete or asphalt that remain in place often for years; and
- WHEREAS: Replacing brick sidewalks with concrete sidewalks edged with a small strip of bricks is not replacing brick with brick nor is it consistent with the long history in the City of sidewalks paved completely with brick; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee be and hereby is requested to hold a hearing to review City policy on sidewalk surface treatments, with the goal of clearly

establishing that where sidewalks are or traditionally were made of brick, the sidewalks should remain or become brick, when feasible after sidewalk work.

O-17 July 29, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR MALLON

- WHEREAS: The urban mobility ecosystem is rapidly evolving and paving the way for new forms of personal transportation systems and technologies; and
- WHEREAS: Future developments in this space are unknown, but the current landscape of Shared Mobility, while not perfect, offers convenience, safety, cleaner air, reduced traffic congestion, less road wear-and-tear, provides a more robust transportation network, and allows for the reclaiming of car-devoted real estate that may be returned to citizens in the form of housing, parks, and commercial space; and
- WHEREAS: The attached zoning language intends to address the changing mobility landscape by supporting and allowing Shared Mobility options across the City; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the attached proposed zoning amendments to Articles 2.00 and 4.32 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to permit Shared Mobility be referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for hearing and report.

O-18 July 29, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

- WHEREAS: Minors do not have a perfect understanding of various laws that, if violated, can lead to serious short and long term legal consequences affecting their educational and employment options;
- WHEREAS: Minors frequently do not understand the extent of their rights or the ability, and sometimes responsibility, of authorities (to include School Resource Officers and School nurses) to do such things as detain them or search their belongings or areas under their control (such as school lockers or backpacks) or otherwise investigate them for possible legal violations; and
- WHEREAS: Confusion over the law and the powers of law enforcement and other public officials to enforce the law can lead to problematic interactions between minors and these officials, sometimes resulting in arrests or detentions that might otherwise have been avoided; and
- WHEREAS: Negative interactions with law enforcement and other public officials, to include arrests and school suspensions, can have long-lasting and widespread negative impacts on both the minors themselves and their families; and
- WHEREAS: Training, classes and educational outreach tools and games exist that can help minors better understand both the most crucial impacts of relevant laws and the abilities, and limitations, of law enforcement and other public officials to investigate and enforce those laws as they pertain to minors; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the Public Safety Committee be and hereby is requested to hold a meeting with relevant City and School staff to determine how Cambridge informs minors of their rights and obligations under the law and to determine what types of teaching tools might best be used to expand this important knowledge.

O-19 July 29, 2019 COUNCILLOR KELLEY MAYOR MCGOVERN COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The regulation of Short-Term Rentals (STRs) was an important step the City took to preserve housing in Cambridge and protect the rights and safety of renters, residents, and hosts; and

WHEREAS: Registering hosts and identifying noncompliant hosts remains a massively complex challenge since its effective date of Apr 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS: As of June 24, 2019, 216 hosts <a href="have registered">have registered</a> with Inspectional Services (ISD) <a href="compared to">compared to</a> roughly 714 unique hosts with 1,369 individual listings within City limits (some individuals have up to 43 listings by themselves, which seems to clearly violate the Ordinance); and

WHEREAS: An additional verification method could be implemented by Cambridge's requiring of STR operators to list their registration number within the listing along with a description of the regulation and what is mandated by the law, with sample language drafted as such:

"To promote visitor safety, this rental unit has been inspected and approved as a Short-Term Rental by the City of Cambridge, License number: ########. You should not stay in an unlicensed property and should report any property that does not have a License Number listed. For more information visit: https://www.cambridgema.gov/iwantto/registerashorttermren tal"; and

WHEREAS: This added measure, which would not require any reworking of the STR host website as the text would be within a currently existing descriptive box for the listing, would make enforcement both easier and more effective by immediately exposing illegal listings while promoting registered hosts, in addition to making STR rentals safer for everyone and reinforcing the importance of the regulation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff on the feasibility of implementing such a requirement for STR operators and report back to the Council.

O-20 July 29, 2019 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Toomey for a suitable dedication in the vicinity of May Street and Lawn Court in honor of World War II Veteran John Daniliuk; and

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for their review and approval.

O-21 July 29, 2019 MAYOR MCGOVERN COUNCILLOR KELLEY COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City Council passed <a href="Chapter 2.128 Surveillance">Chapter 2.128 Surveillance</a>
<a href="Technology Ordinance">Technology Ordinance</a> on Dec 10, 2018, which imposed a requirement that the City Manager seek approval from the City Council prior to acquiring or using certain surveillance technology,

including Biometric Surveillance Technology and facial recognition software and databases; and

WHEREAS: Notwithstanding this existing check on the City's authority to acquire and use face recognition technology or data derived thereof, the potential threats to residents' civil rights and civil liberties that are unique to face recognition technology warrant its outright ban; and

WHEREAS: Facial recognition software can discriminate based on classes like race and gender; a 2018 report out of the MIT Media Lab and Microsoft "Gender Shades: Intersectional Accuracy Disparities in Commercial Gender Classification" found that while the "maximum error rate for lighter-skinned makes is 0.8%" in commercial gender classification systems, "darker skinned females are the most misclassified group (with error rates up to 34.7%);" and

WHEREAS: The use of face recognition technology can have a chilling effect on the exercise of constitutionally protected free speech, with the technology being used in China to target ethnic minorities, and in the United States, it was used by police agencies in Baltimore, Maryland, to target activists in the aftermath of Freddie Gray's death; and

WHEREAS: State Representative Dave Rogers (whose district includes parts of Cambridge) has filed legislation that would impose a moratorium on face recognition technology, and as recently as Thurs, July 25, 2019, Representative Ayanna Pressley introduced a bill before Congress that would:

- 1. Prohibit the use of biometric recognition technology in public and assisted housing units funded under HUD; and
- 2. Require HUD to submit a report to Congress that provides analysis on any known use of facial recognition technologies in public housing units; the impact of emerging technologies on tenants; the purpose of installing the technologies in the units; demographic information of impacted tenants, and; the impact of emerging technologies on vulnerable communities in public housing, including tenant privacy, civil rights and fair housing includes HUD federally assisted rental dwelling units;

WHEREAS: Three cities have already banned the use of facial recognition technology by municipal authorities, including San Francisco, Oakland (CA), and next door in <a href="Somerville">Somerville</a>; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the attached amendment to Chapter 2.128
Surveillance Ordinance Technology be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee for a hearing as soon as possible.

Amend Chapter 2.128 Surveillance Technology Ordinance by adding in "2.128.020 Definitions" a new definition:

(K) "Face Recognition Technology" means an automated or semiautomated process that assists in identifying an individual and/or capturing information about an individual, based on the physical characteristics of an individual's face.

Also, by adding a new Section 2.128.075 Prohibition on City's Acquisition and/or Use of Face Recognition Technology:

# 2.128.075 Prohibition on City's Acquisition and/or Use of Face Recognition Technology

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter 2.128, it shall be unlawful for the City or any City staff to obtain, retain, request, access, or use:

1) Face Recognition Technology; or

2) Information obtained from Face Recognition Technology.

- B. City staff's inadvertent or unintentional receipt, access of, or use of any information obtained from Face Recognition

  Technology shall not be a violation of this Section 2.128.075 provided that:
- 1) City staff did not request or solicit the receipt, access of, or use of such information; and
- 2) City staff logs such receipt, access, or use in its Annual Surveillance Report as referenced by Section 2.128.075. Such report shall not include any personally identifiable information or other information the release of which is prohibited by law.

# O-22 July 29, 2019 MAYOR MCGOVERN

- WHEREAS: Robert C. Haas served as the Police Commissioner for the Cambridge Police Department from April 2007 to May 2016; and
- WHEREAS: Commissioner Haas firmly believed that a great portion of the individuals encountered by members of his department were better served through a non-traditional "social justice approach" than through the traditional "criminal justice" approach; accordingly, Commissioner Haas transformed the Cambridge Police Department, developing a whole new approach in how the department has incorporated police legitimacy as its core value system, with the understanding that the police acquire its greatest authority from the community, not the statutory authority that is afforded to police departments; and
- WHEREAS: The department has changed its cultural underpinnings in how it goes about building a community of trust and rethinking how it models the principles of police legitimacy as part of its internal practices, and as a result, more than one-quarter of the department's resources are devoted to the protection of vulnerable populations; and
  - WHEREAS: Some of the key initiatives developed under the direction of Commissioner Haas that contributed to the establishment of the new Family and Social Justice Unit include:
  - The Youth/Family Services Unit, which initially focused upon diversionary approaches for youthful offenders. This initiative has led to the creation of Cambridge Safety Net, which is a collaborative partnership with the city's Department of Human Services, its School Department, and a child psychologist from the Cambridge Health Alliance. The officers assigned to this unit have taken on very non-traditional roles of serving as case workers and role models for our youth who may be engaging in risky behaviors. What began as a diversionary program has now expanded to prevention, early intervention, and diversion as its core mission.
  - The Homeless Outreach initiative, which has officers dedicated to working with the city's homeless population along with other city departments and other service providers. The initial focus of this initiative was to work with the chronically homeless and redirect them to medical and social services, and to find stable housing. This initiative now involves collaborations with a wide array of social service providers, and has proven to have had a dramatic impact on the lives of those who are often forgotten or ignored by so many communities.
  - The High-Risk Domestic Violence Team. This is a collaborative
    partnership with two neighboring police departments, along with twentyone other partners who work collaborative in identifying those domestic
    violence situations where there are indicators of a higher propensity of
    further violence and to develop strategies that are designed to reduce the
    likelihood of future violence to the victims of domestic violence and
    their families
  - The Focused Deterrence Program an approach that is designed to focus
    on high risk repetitive offenders across three jurisdictions and to identify
    approaches that are designed to eliminate or reduce the occurrence of

- future crime. One promising approach has been to engage these offenders in an approach that has been referred to as focus deterrence where offenders are given the choice of seeking alternative pathways to reintegrate into the community or face greater scrutiny if they were to reoffend
- Mental Health Outreach an alternative approach in addressing the needs
  of those individuals who are suffering from chronic mental illness and
  finding alternative approaches that are designed to provide a network of
  coordinated services to support these individuals in the community for
  the purpose of enhancing the quality of their lives. As part of this
  initiative, all the officers have been certified in Mental Health First Aid,
  and the department is now in the process of creating Crisis Intervention
  Teams within its Operations Division; and
- WHEREAS: The creation of the Family and Social Justice Section brings under one umbrella the many operational units and approaches that have been established to provide specific services to vulnerable members of the community who are better served through a commitment to the social justice approach; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the Family and Social Justice Section of the Cambridge Police Department be dedicated the "Robert C. Haas Family and Social Justice Section."

# O-23 July 29, 2019 COUNCILLOR MALLON

- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Energy Alliance (CEA) is a service provided by the City of Cambridge to help residents become more energy efficient and access renewables; and
- WHEREAS: Retrofitting, optimizing efficiency, and accessing renewable energy sources can be large expenses, particularly for low income families; and
- WHEREAS: CEA connects Cambridge residents to Mass Save energy assessments, no-cost weatherization, and financing options for solar energy all while covering about 90% of the total cost of these upgrades; and
- WHEREAS: Programs like CEA serve a dual purpose of increasing climate resiliency for low income families while lightening the load of the grid Citywide, yet we do not have any data on how many households particularly low-income households have taken advantage of this program, and how it can be better marketed in the future to increase usage; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department to collect data on how many households have taken advantage of CEA services; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager work with the Community
  Development Department to increase outreach and educational
  opportunities to residents about CEA services; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-24 July 29, 2019 VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN COUNCILLOR KELLEY COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The design phase of the Memorial Drive Greenway Improvements Project (Phase III) is underway; and

WHEREAS: Memorial Drive is a historic parkway and landscape intended as an invaluable recreational amenity for community members in Cambridge and the surrounding area; and

- WHEREAS: Some of the most iconic trees in the City of Cambridge, including the Memorial Drive sycamores, were planted as part of this landscape, which represents a lasting example of the riverfront park's intended purpose; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge's tree canopy has declined by nearly 20% over the last decade, and the legacy of the Memorial Drive landscape is at risk; and
- WHEREAS: Community members need both planted amenities such as trees and stormwater drainage plantings, as well as adequate space for actively traveling to and around the Memorial Drive parkway on foot and by bicycle in order to fully enjoy this resource and its surrounding parks; and
- WHEREAS: DCR has proposed eliminating two vehicular lanes from the Eliot Bridge to JFK Park, in order to create separate pedestrian and bicycle travel lanes along that stretch of roadway, but has proposed keeping all four vehicular lanes from JFK Park to the BU rotary, which will not allow space for adequate facilities for both pedestrians and bicycles to travel and enjoy the outdoors; and
- WHEREAS: It is essential that separated bicycle and pedestrian paths be created throughout the entirety of the project in order to improve the safety and comfort of the most vulnerable road users; and
- WHEREAS: Countless studies have shown that decreasing road capacity generally reduces vehicular demand, including a 1998 empirical study that analyzed more than 100 instances around the world, and found that there was not a single implemented road reduction scheme of the 100 examined that was reversed because of an unacceptable worsening of traffic congestion; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge will soon begin an electric scooter pilot and other forms of micromobility are inevitably on the way, making it all the more urgent that we carefully plan how to safely accommodate all forms of mobility for this popular riverfront parkland; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of:
  - Increasing the amount of dedicated space along the entire project area that is allocated to sustainable modes of transportation, such as walking, cycling, and micromobility devices, so it is more in balance with other modes
  - Protecting and preserving all healthy, mature trees along Memorial Drive
  - Planting as many new trees as possible; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to schedule community meetings with Cambridge residents to discuss design options and strategies to guide the City's work with DCR on this project; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to DCR Commissioner Leo Roy and Project Manager Rick Corsi on behalf of the entire City Council.

### O-25 July 29, 2019

### COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

- WHEREAS: In March of 2014, the License Commission refused to allow UpperWest to open at its original location at 1001 Mass. Ave., despite having required UpperWest to invest money to build the space prior to applying for the liquor license, apparently in order to protect a neighboring bar from competition; and
- WHEREAS: The owners of UpperWest, located at 1 Cedar Street, were issued a five-day liquor license suspension by the License Commission at a Nov 7, 2018 hearing, over what the Commission

- called an "egregious" threatening of fire inspectors during a Sept 29, 2018 inspection, despite inspectors testifying that they didn't consider anything about the interaction to be physically threatening; and
- WHEREAS: The Massachusetts ACLU has <u>concluded</u> that the License Commission's action is in violation of First Amendment free speech and due process protections under the U.S. Constitution and the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights, partially because residents and business owners have a right to object to how public employees are carrying out their duties; and
- WHEREAS: Fire enforcement officials cited UpperWest over their use of tea light candles for mood lighting, even though two city officials <u>later testified</u> that Cambridge has no law prohibiting the use of candles in restaurants, and the state statute only governs the use of candles as "portable cooking equipment", which were not in use at UpperWest for any period of time; and
- WHEREAS: UpperWest has twice been unreasonably denied a fair and impartial hearing for a package store license application, one of which is now under appeal, with the License Commission determining that there was "no public need" despite overwhelming support and need expressed by the public; and
- WHEREAS: UpperWest has been the target of persistent excessive enforcement and unfair <u>denial</u> of their right to fair and impartial hearings, possibly as retaliation for their criticism of Commission practices over the past five years, and <u>exposing the License</u> <u>Commission's failure to comply with state law</u> in its handling of liquor licenses, and UpperWest owners <u>representing Cambridge business owners</u> in pursuing their legal rights against the city; and
- WHEREAS: In its efforts to punish UpperWest, the city has repeatedly violated state law <u>as determined</u> by the Attorney General's Office, including a violation of the Open Meeting Law in the creation of the decision to suspend UpperWest's liquor license; and
- WHEREAS: This conduct by the city is unacceptable and contrary to the stated council goal of "integrating businesses of all sizes into a thriving ecosystem"; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the License Commission and City Solicitor's office to drop all charges against UpperWest and its owners, to reconsider UpperWest's package store application, and to issue a public apology to UpperWest and its owners; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to investigate the License Commission's extreme abuse of discretion and power in regards to UpperWest's liquor license suspension and package store application denials; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to meet with UpperWest owners to discuss generally how the License Commission practices can be improved; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter no later than Sept 9, 2019.