

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the Final Landmark Designation Report for the Jones and Hall Houses at 66-68 Otis Street, received from the Historical Commission. [\[Report\]](#)

Agenda Item Number 1 Aug 7, 2017

ORDERED: That the Jones-Hall houses, at 66 and 68 Otis Street, be designated as a protected landmark pursuant to Chapter 2.78, Article III, Section 2.78.180 of the Code of the City of Cambridge, as recommended by vote of the Cambridge Historical Commission on July 6, 2017. The premises so designated is the land defined as parcels 129 and 130 on assessor's map 24 and the structures thereon and the premises described in deeds recorded in Book 66187, Page 301 and Book 66187, Page 434 at the South Middlesex Registry of Deeds; and be it further

ORDERED: That this designation is justified by the high level of historical and architectural significance exhibited by the structure which is an important example of its type and the Greek Revival style and a contributing building in the larger East Cambridge National Register District; and be it further

ORDERED: That the effect of this designation shall be that review by the Cambridge Historical Commission and the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, Hardship or Non-Applicability shall be required before any construction activity can take place within the designated premises or any action can be taken affecting the appearance of the premises, that would in either case be visible from a public way. In making determinations, the Commission shall be guided by the terms of the Final Landmark Designation Report, dated July 6, 2017 with respect to the designated premises, by Section VII, Standards and Criteria of said report, and by the applicable sections of Chapter 2.78, Article III, of the Cambridge Municipal Code.

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointments of the following person as a member of the Historical Commissioner, effective Aug 1, 2017: Robert G. Crocker, Chandra Harrington, Jo M. Solet and Joseph V. Ferrara

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a member of the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Commission effective Aug 1, 2017: Heli Meltsner, Constantin von Wentzel and Levin Campbell.

4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following persons as a member of the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission effective Aug 1, 2017: Nancy Goodwin, Charles Redmon, Tony Hsaio and Lestra Litchfield.

5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY17 Executive Office of Public Safety & Security Highway Safety Division Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Highway Safety Division in the amount of \$3,750 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account which will be used for personnel/overtime services and will be dedicated

to initiatives that address pedestrian and bicycle issues, coupling educational projects with enforcement of laws to reduce pedestrian and bicycle injuries and crashes.

6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Cambridge Public Health Commission to the Windsor Preschool in the amount of \$500 to Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used by the Windsor Preschool to create a vegetable garden that the children will care for.

7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Cambridge Public Health Commission to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$500 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to promote healthy eating and healthy living among older adults.

8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) Bridge to College Program grant in the amount of \$13,700 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$13,328) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$372) which will support the Bridge-to-College Program, which prepares adult CHA residents with a high school diploma or equivalency to succeed in college.

9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of funds for the Cambridge Employment Program from the Cambridge Housing Authority for \$68,251 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account which will be used to maintain the capacity of the Cambridge Employment Program by continuing to fund a Vocational Case Manager to provide career counseling and case management services to Cambridge residents seeking employment, particularly those residing in public housing.

10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a supplemental appropriation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds of \$102,636 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$87,241) and Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$15,395) which will a) increase funds available to continue the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing and b) increase public service opportunities in the City of Cambridge.

11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as a members of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2017: Dr. Maren Batalden, Gerald McCue, Robina Bhasin, William Lahey, Moacir Barbosa, Carol VanDeusen Lukas, Joshua Posner and Marian Darlington-Hope.

12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-8, regarding a report the Urban Agriculture Ordinance. [\[Report\]](#)

13. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-106, regarding a report on outreach plan for renters in Cambridge on the importance and availability of renters insurance.
14. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a revised version of the Short-Term Rentals zoning petition text, incorporating changes from the July 5, 2017 Ordinance Committee hearing. [[Text of Revised Version](#)]
15. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-24, regarding a report on the Harvard Square Theater. [[Report](#)]
16. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-19, regarding a report on compiling a list of legal resources and a list of frequently asked questions for undocumented people living in Cambridge.
17. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of Nadia Davila as a member of the Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, effective Aug 27, 2017.
18. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a Constable Without Power for a term of three years, effective Jan 1, 2017: Jean Rogers.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A rezoning petition has been received from MIT/GSA Volpe to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance by adding a new Section 13.90 to Article 13.000 and amend the Zoning Map to add new PUD-7 District. [[Text of MIT/Volpe Petition](#)]
2. That the City Manager is requested work with the Department of Public Works and the Cambridge Arts Council to formally review the use of the Fern Street path as currently designed and consider options to ensure that the path functions as a safe, shared bicycle and pedestrian path and to work with the Department of Public Works to consider whether it is appropriate and feasible for a skateboarding feature to be included at Danehy Park. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Cheung on June 26, 2017.]

ON THE TABLE

3. The City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to organize regular suppers on the second Saturday of each month, starting on the 13th of August, with free food for the Cambridge community in open public spaces throughout the various Cambridge neighborhoods. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Mazen on June 20, 2016. Tabled on a motion by Councillor Mazen on June 27, 2016.]
4. The City Manager coordinate with the Finance Department, Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, and community stakeholders to outline a proposed system of governance, management, and stakeholder engagement for the Foundry, to be discussed in a public forum with the Council and community. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey

on Oct 31, 2016. Placed On The Table on voice vote of six members on motion of Councillor Toomey.]

5. An application was received from Mundo/Lux, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 2 Bow Street. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Cheung on Dec 19, 2016. Placed On Table on a voice vote of 8 on motion of Councillor Cheung on Jan 9, 2017.]
6. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and any other relevant City department to survey of city residents, work, and visitors to determine who is interested in parking in the City. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Jan 30, 2017. Placed On Table on a motion by Councillor Cheung on Feb 6, 2017.]
7. That the City Manager is requested to establish the requirement that all appointments to the City's commissions, advisory committees, and task forces reflect the City's diversity and that the Civic Unity Committee is asked to sign off on all such appointments going forward. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Simmons on Feb 27, 2017. Tabled On a motion by Councillor Cheung on a voice vote of 8 members on Mar 6, 2017.]
8. That the City Manager is requested to create a permanent office or public-private initiative for the purpose of fostering charitable giving in Cambridge and to work with non-profits to study the local charitable giving landscape, measuring the estimated maximum charitable carrying capacity of the city. [Tabled as amended by substitution on a motion of Councillor Mazen on May 8, 2017.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge to create a new Chapter 4.60 – to regulate Short-Term Rentals (STR). The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after June 26, 2017. Planning Board Hearing held May 23, 2017. Petition expires Aug 29, 2017.
10. An amendment to the Municipal Code in Title 6 entitled "Animals" to insert a new Chapter 6.20 entitled "Restrictions on the sale of animals in Pet Shops." The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after July 10, 2017.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A constable bond was received from Philip Sciandra for approval of the surety.
2. An application was received from Cabot's Candy, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1300 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutters.
3. An application was received from Crema Cafe Coffee Trike, 27 Brattle Street, requesting permission to bike through the City's streets and make periodic stops on sidewalks to sell iced coffee, pre-packaged cookies, and pre-packaged dog biscuits.
4. An application was received from Cambridge Carnival International, requesting permission for three temporary banners across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall, across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets and JFK

at Mount Auburn Street announcing this year's Cambridge Carnival on Sept 10th from Noon - 7pm.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from John MacDougall, 175 Richdale Avenue, regarding divesting from fossil fuels.
2. A communication was received from Molly O'Brien, 103 Pleasant Street, regarding municipal broadband.
3. A communication was received from Patrick Barton, regarding the shared path on Fern Street.
4. A communication was received from Emily Fletcher, regarding protected bike lanes.
5. A communication was received from Robin Bonner, 15 Corporal Burns Road, regarding Fern Street installation.
6. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, Individually, and as Chair, Friends of the White Geese, regarding the continuation of destruction reporting: 56 mostly excellent trees at Magazine Beach #8, communication 11 in a series.
7. A communication was received from Tanya Cosway, 81 Antrim Street, regarding the reconfiguration of Inman Square to improve traffic and safety for cyclists, pedestrians, and motorist while preserving and strengthening the economic strength of Inman Square businesses.
8. A communication was received from the family of Judy A. Kiely, acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.
9. A communication was received from the family of James H. Quinn, acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.
10. A communication was received from Chuck Hinds, President, East Cambridge Planning Team, in support of the abutters at 303 third Street regarding their Volpe open space preferences.
11. A communication was received from Chuck Hinds, President, East Cambridge Planning Team, regarding the MIT/GSA PUD-7 petition.
12. A communication was received from Mary Ann Donofrio, 120 Gore Street, regarding the rezoning of the Volpe project.
13. A communication was received from Bill McLellan, Massachusetts Avenue, regarding the city publication "Getting Around Cambridge."
14. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding painting the street poles in Central Square pink.
15. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, Individually, and as Chair, Friends of the White Geese, regarding the destruction on the Charles of 56 mostly excellent trees at Magazine Beach #9. Institutionalized corruption in Government; Communication 12 in a series.
16. A communication was received from Leo P. Roy Commissioner, DCR Massachusetts, transmitting thanks for policy order regarding the plan to keep Memorial Drive open to motor vehicles on Sun, July 30th and Sun, Aug 6 and the impact that will have on Riverbend Park.
17. A communication was received from Joseph Slater owner of Middle East restaurants and nightclubs, endorses Peter

Valentines idea of coloring the large and small light poles "pink" on Massachusetts Avenue in Central Square.

18. A communication was received from Carolyn Fuller, regarding Short term rental petition.
19. A communication was received from Macie Whichard Vice President, Industry and Public Affairs, Petco, regarding transmitted Petco's letter of opposition to the proposed pet sale ban, and proposed Amendment to Title 6.
20. A communication was received from Mike Bober President & CEO Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, regarding PUJAC Materials on Cambridge pet sale ban.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of William F. Pfofre Jr. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Frances Meucci. Councillor Toomey
3. Congratulations to Pammy's on its grand opening at 928 Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Cheung
4. Congratulations to Cafe Du Pays on its grand opening at 233 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue. Councillor Cheung
5. Congratulations to Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu on the birth of her son. Mayor Simmons
6. Resolution on the Death of Catherine (Sarchioni) Furtado. Councillor Toomey
7. Congratulations to Rui Manuel Nunes Martins on passing his United States Naturalization Test. Councillor Toomey
8. Congratulations to Superintendents Steven DeMarco and Christine Elow. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
9. Congratulations to the Full Moon restaurant on its 20th anniversary. Councillor Devereux
10. Congratulations to Sumiao Hunan Kitchen on its opening in Kendall Square. Councillor Cheung
11. Congratulations to Novolyze on receiving the 2017 Food Safety Innovation Award from the International Association of Food Protection. Councillor Cheung
12. Congratulations to James G. Fujimoto, Ph.D. on being named the 2017 Beckman-Argyros Vision Research Award winner by the The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation. Councillor Cheung
13. Congratulations to Alden & Harlow on being named to the Eater Boston's '50 of Boston's Most Essential Bars' list. Councillor Cheung
14. Congratulations to the Lord Hobo for being named to the Eater Boston's '50 of Boston's Most Essential Bars' list. Councillor Cheung
15. Congratulations to State Park for being named to Eater Boston's '50 of Boston's Most Essential Bars' list. Councillor Cheung
16. Congratulations to Brick & Mortar for being named to Eater Boston's '50 of Boston's Most Essential Bars' list. Councillor Cheung
17. Congratulations to Green Street for being named to Eater Boston's '50 of Boston's Most Essential Bars' list. Councillor Cheung
18. Congratulations to that Meadhall for being named to Eater Boston's '50 of Boston's Most Essential Bars' list. Councillor Cheung

19. Congratulations to A4cade for being named to Eater Boston's '50 of Boston's Most Essential Bars' list. Councillor Cheung
20. Congratulations to Beat Brasserie and its Executive Chef James Lyons and its owners: Jack Bardy, Bertil Jean Chronberg, Jennifer Epstein and Bill Keravuori for winning the 2017 Taste of Cambridge Award. Councillor Maher
21. Congratulations to Atwood's Tavern on being named best neighborhood bar in Inman Square on Boston Magazine's "Best of Boston" list. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Cheung
22. Resolution on the death of Sajni Chakrabarti. Councillor Maher
23. Resolution on the death of Lisa Pollard Van Vleck. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
24. Resolution on the death of Joseph Libitz. Councillor Toomey
25. Resolution on the death of Robert F. McCoy. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
26. Congratulations to Daniel Myers and Rebecca Theris on the birth of their son Lucian Stewart Myers. Councillor Toomey
27. Welcome Sumiao Hunan Kitchen to Cambridge Councillor Toomey
28. Congratulating TiGenix on opening its US headquarters at Cambridge Innovation Center. Councillor Cheung
29. Congratulating the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Boston Lodge on successfully hosting their gala. Councillor Cheung
30. Resolution on the death of Hanoria Sullivan. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development with the view in mind of updating the City Council with the steps that will be taken to comply with the federal rule titled "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing" that was issued in July 2015 which requires the completion of the Fair Housing Assessment. Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor McGovern
2. That the City Manager is requested to reach out to the owner of the vacant U.S. Petroleum gas station at the corner of Concord Avenue and Walden Street to inquire what plans are being made to remove this blight from the neighborhood. Mayor Simmons
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the City Arborist with the view in mind of drafting appropriate language for an ordinance that would require a public hearing before the Ordinance Committee or any other appropriate department before the removal of 4 or more trees from private property. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Cheung, Vice Mayor McGovern
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and any other relevant departments to determine the feasibility of making the section of Kinnaird Street between River Street and Western Avenue into a one-way. Vice Mayor McGovern
5. That the City Manager is requested to report back as soon as is feasible to the City Council with information about the number of residents who chose the 100% renewable option as of the end of July 2017, how many residents opted out of the program as of the end of July 2017, and report on any additional attempts at fraud. Councillor Devereux
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a report on the current status of the Harvard Square Improvement Fund, what projects are currently underway with these funds, what projects have been funded since its inception, and what projects are planned. Councillor Devereux
7. That the City Council oppose the proposed Eversource rate increase. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to ensure that all sidewalks on which cycling is prohibited be clearly marked and that the markings be routinely maintained. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Kelley
9. That the City Manager is hereby requested to consult with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department, DPW and any other relative city departments regarding the feasibility to installing a blinking yellow light or other flashing pedestrian light on River Street between Memorial Drive and Putnam Avenue. Vice Mayor McGovern
10. City Council goes on record in urging Governor Baker and the State Department of Environmental Protection to begin enforcing the MS4 permit rules that are currently in effect at the State level. Councillor Devereux
11. The City Manager is requested to consult with the Community Development Department and any other relevant department as to how peer-to-peer car sharing is currently regulated by the City of Cambridge, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner. Mayor Simmons
12. The City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council clarifying whom in the City is responsible for approving road races. Mayor Simmons
13. The Cambridge City Council is calling on Governor Charles Baker and his administration to cease any efforts in enacting any Massachusetts legislation that would be used to detain, hold or jail anyone that has met any requirements to be released under Massachusetts Criminal Statutes. Vice Mayor McGovern
14. Order Relating to Bicycle Lanes. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
15. Porter Square Intersection Update. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Mazen, Councillor Carlone
16. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development and report back to the City Council with language to continue to pursue a Grand Junction Overlay District and to confer with MIT about incorporating plans for the Grand Junction Path into the design process for the Volpe Site and report back to the City Council by Sept 18th, 2017. Councillor Toomey
17. That the City Manager reach out to and consult with the appropriate representatives from the City of Boston, Millenium Partners, and Logan Airport to determine whether the concerns cited by Cambridge residents can be mitigated and factored into the development of this

proposed tower, to explore what options the City of Cambridge may have in blocking this building's construction if that proves to be necessary, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner. Mayor Simmons

18. That the City Manager is requested to establish a public fund that can be utilized in the event that the Trump Administration withholds federal funds from Cambridge as a Sanctuary City. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern
19. That the City Council go on record in support of S.379 and H.1926, encouraging Massachusetts to join other states who seek to create a new Constitutional Amendment and to act on these bills as soon as possible during legislative session. Councillor Mazen, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Toomey
20. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Police Commissioner to immediately establish a greater police presence in and near Clement Morgan Park, to direct the Director of the Public Works Department to increase the level of hand-sweepers cleaning this area each morning for the balance of the summer. Mayor Simmons
21. That the City Manager consult with the appropriate City departments to make the necessary provisions to have all future Ordinance Committee meetings related to the Volpe Petition to be televised. Councillor Carlone
22. That the City Manager confer with relevant City departments and report back to the City Council on the status of the City's plans to review and possibly implement a municipal Broadband system. Councillor Kelley
23. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City Staff and report back to the City Council with a proposal to design, fund and implement a bike and electric personal vehicle transportation study to provide the City with a comprehensive explanation of who is going where, why and under what conditions via bike or personal electric vehicle. Councillor Kelley
24. That the City Manager is requested to provide an update to the City Council, at the first meeting in September, as to the progress and plan to address the concerns regarding the sale of liquor licenses. Councillor Mazen, Councillor Devereux, Vice Mayor McGovern
25. That the Municipal Broadband Task Force be reconstituted and that the City Manager is requested to report back on successful cost-effective procurement for phase II by the end of calendar year. Councillor Mazen, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Cheung
26. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the Council on the circumstances surrounding the major gas leak on Binney Street on July 28, 2017, and report back to the City Council on specifically what can be done prevent future similar incidents that are harmful to the environment and to residents. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Mazen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Leland Cheung, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on June 21, 2017 to continue discussion on the zoning petition filed by Mark Lechmere, LLC, Owner and Amadan Management,

LLC, Manager of the property at 207 and 227 Cambridge Street to amend the existing zoning at said location to authorize the construction of a 45 unit residential building with small scale retail on the ground floor and parking below grade.

2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Leland Cheung, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on July 5, 2017 to continue the discussion on the City Council petition on short-term rentals and will potentially discuss the feasibility of grandfathering non-conforming uses related to STR, breakdown of owner adjacent full unit STR statistics, clarification of whether a small two family can be treated as an operator occupied single STR unit and implementation by Inspectional Services Department.
3. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Marc C. McGovern, Chair of the Human Services and Veterans Committee, for a public hearing held on June 14, 2017 to discuss the current opioid crisis on the state and local level, and what programs and plans exist to combat this epidemic.
4. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Jan Devereux, Chair of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee, for a public hearing held on June 14, 2017 to discuss the final recommendations from Larisa Ortiz Associates in regards to the Retail Strategic Plan, as well as policy and programmatic opportunities related to the retail environment in Cambridge.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a communication from Mayor E. Denise Simmons, regarding a request of a copy of City Council's Executive Session Minutes from June 12, 2017.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a copy of an Open Meeting Law Complaint Decision - OML 2017-106, filed by John Hawkinson on Mar 13, 2017, alleging that the City Council improperly redacted certain August and October 2016 executive session minutes and that said minutes failed to include a summary of the discussions. [Conclusion: There was no violation of the Open Meeting Law.]
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a Non-Binding Public Opinion Advisory Question Petition filed with the Election Commission on July 14, 2017.

Please find enclosed a non-binding public opinion advisory question petition filed with the Election Commission office on Fri, July 14, 2017. Twenty-two (22) signatures were certified as qualified voters of the City of Cambridge by the Board of Election Commissioners at a meeting held on Thurs, July 20, 2017. The petition must be presented to the City Council at least ninety (90) days before the Municipal Election, Tues, Nov 7, 2017. The question may be placed on the ballot by vote of the City Council. If the City Council does not vote to approve the question may be placed on the ballot by the petitioners obtaining additional signatures. The

petition must be signed by at least 10% of the voters of Cambridge and submitted to the Board of Registrars at least 43 days before the election. (MGL Chapter 53 Section 18A)

We, the undersigned registered voters of Cambridge, Massachusetts, hereby petition the Cambridge City Council to include the following nonbinding public policy advisory question on the November 2017 ballot:

Many Cantabrigians have expressed concern over what they perceive to be the undue influence of a few wealthy donors and special interest groups on municipal elections. Such concerns have the potential to erode the people's confidence in their elected officials and reduce civic engagement, thereby undermining the objectives of responsible government. In response to similar concerns, cities as diverse as Los Angeles, New York City, Portland (OR), Seattle, and New Haven have provided for the complete or partial funding of electoral campaigns. Although they typically require only a tiny fraction of a city's budget, these public-financing programs have nevertheless been shown to result in a more vibrant and democratic process. Would you be in favor of the City of Cambridge adopting such a program for elections to the City Council?

Romaine Waite, 60 Lawn St. #5, 02138

Thomas McKenzie, 3 Ballard Pl., 02139

Kimberley Irene Haines, 6 Florence St., 02139

Derrick Nash, 3 Putnam Gardens, Apt. 38, 02139

Laura Nelson, 60 Linnaean St., 02138 [Not a registered voter]

Mary Anne Carlson, 270 Norfolk St. #4, 02139

Alex Loud, 18½ Tremont St., 02139

Philip Segó, 221 Norfolk St., 02139

Susan Yanow, 221 Norfolk St., 02139

Elisabeth Shainker, 22 Tremont St., 02139

Adam Strich, 1200 Massachusetts Ave., Apt 54-E, 02138

Daisy Shetterly, 4 Reed St. Terrace, 02140

Emmanuel Lusardi, 15 Lambert St. #406, 02141

Sylvie de Marrais, 39 Sherman St., 02140

Daniel Waldinger, 95 Moore St. #3, 02139

Ross Fredenberg, 1 Gardner Road, 02139

Jeffrey Purcell, 20 Tremont St., 02139

Nanette Simenas, 24 Tremont St., 02139

Albe Simenas, 24 Tremont St., 02139

Beth Pendery, 14 Tremont St., 02139

Anne Taylor, 66 Thorndike St., 02141

Richard Taylor, 66 Thorndike St., 02141

Richard Fiorentino, 80 Otis St., Apt. 4, 02141

Aidan Richards, 136 Fayerweather St., 02138 [Not a registered voter]

Nyatha Weinberg, 82 Hammond St., 02138 [Not a registered voter]

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Aug 7

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Dr. Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, CRLS, 459 Broadway)

Wed, Sept 6

3:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the recently published "City of Cambridge Getting to Net Zero Action Plan: Fiscal Year 2016 Progress Report," and to receive a general update on the Net Zero Action Plan. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Sept 26

3:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing as a follow up to Policy Order #2 of June 20, 2016 to discuss the City's Tree Ordinance and possible ways to improve this ordinance to protect the tree canopy while protecting individual property rights. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development with the view in mind of updating the City Council with the steps that will be taken to comply with the federal rule titled "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing" that was issued in July 2015 which requires the completion of the Fair Housing Assessment; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council at the City Council meeting of Sept 11, 2017.

O-2 Aug 7, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The U.S. Petroleum gas station has stood vacant and derelict at the corner of Concord Avenue and Walden Street for a substantial length of time, and neighbors have been increasingly voicing their concerns about how this is negatively impacting the area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to reach out to the owner of the vacant U.S. Petroleum gas station at the corner of Concord Avenue and Walden Street to inquire what plans are being made to remove this blight from the neighborhood, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-3 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the City Arborist with the view in mind of drafting appropriate language for an ordinance that would require a public hearing before the Ordinance Committee or any other appropriate department before the removal of 4 or more trees from private property; 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 Sept 18, 2017 City Council meeting.

O-4 Aug 7, 2017

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Residents of Kinnaird Street between River Street and Western Avenue have indicated a desire to turn this section of Kinnaird Street into a one way due to safety concerns therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager is hereby requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and any other relevant departments to determine the feasibility of this request and to report findings back to the City Council.

O-5 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Community Electricity program allows the City to negotiate a price for the Supplier Service portion of residents' Eversource electricity bill, saving residents money and offering cleaner-energy alternatives; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge signed an 18-month contract with Agera Energy to implement this program, lasting from July 2017 through January 2019; and

WHEREAS: All residents were automatically enrolled in the program with 25% renewable energy, but were allowed to either choose 100% renewable energy at a slightly higher cost, or to opt out entirely; and

WHEREAS: Residents who did not opt out will see Agera Energy listed as the supplier with the new supply price rate on their August 2017 Eversource bill; and

WHEREAS: The rollout of this program earlier this summer went smoothly, and there were only a few attempts of fraud to which the City quickly responded; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back as soon as is feasible to the City Council with information about the number of residents who chose the 100% renewable option as of the end of July 2017, how many residents opted out of the program as of the end of July 2017, and report on any additional attempts at fraud.

O-6 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The Harvard Square Improvement Fund is established by Section 20.54.4 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS: The Harvard Square Improvement Fund is funded by developers who pay as required by the Planning Board when they are granted a waiver or reduction of the required parking ratio in the Harvard Square Overlay District; and

WHEREAS: The Harvard Square Advisory Committee receives all proposals for use of the Harvard Square Improvement Fund, which is managed by the City Manager; and

WHEREAS: The Harvard Square Improvement Fund is intended to be used for public parking facilities, public park improvements, restoration of historic structures, and surface improvements; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a report on the current status of the Harvard Square Improvement Fund, what projects are currently underway with these funds, what projects have been funded since its inception, and what projects are planned.

O-7 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: On Jan 17, 2017, Eversource filed a petition with the State Department of Public Utilities to increase their base distribution rates for electricity and on June 1, 2017 filed a revised rate design proposal; and

WHEREAS: Eversource Rate Case 17-05 is currently before the Department Public Utilities, with a public comment period extending through Aug 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS: Eversource is proposing a rate structure including a 10.5% return on distribution investments for the company with rate increases of 3.5% annually, tied to inflation; and

WHEREAS: This will more than double the fixed consumer charges for residential ratepayers by about \$50 per year in fixed charges, regardless of use; and

WHEREAS: Such an increase devalues energy efficiency, as consumer have less of an ability to lower their bills by using less energy; and

WHEREAS: The proposal also institutes fees and reduces compensation on solar energy projects by changing the rate class for these projects; and

WHEREAS: Eversource customers in Cambridge and across the Commonwealth will see a significant increase in their electric bills if this rate increase is successful; and

WHEREAS: The proposed increase is unfair to consumers and undermines energy efficiency efforts that the City of Cambridge has championed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record opposing the proposed Eversource rate increase; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested for forward a suitably engrossed copy of this Order to Eversource, the Attorney General Maura Healey, and the Department on Public Utilities Secretary Mark Marini on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-8 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Cycling is prohibited on several busy sidewalks in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: In the locations where cycling on the sidewalk is prohibited, cyclists must use the bike lane or ride in the full traffic lane; and

WHEREAS: Cyclists may use sidewalks except those designated in busy commercial areas so long as they yield to pedestrians; and

WHEREAS: Many of these sidewalks where cycling is prohibited are marked with painted stencils on the sidewalk, but many of these stencils have worn off over the years; and

WHEREAS: This issue was the subject of a memo dated Aug 27, 2015, from the office of Councillor Kelley; and

WHEREAS: This issue has been the subject of several reports to "See Click Fix", requesting that the markings be made clear; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to ensure that all sidewalks on which cycling is prohibited be clearly marked and that the markings be routinely maintained.

O-9 Aug 7, 2017

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department, DPW and any other relative city departments regarding the feasibility to installing a blinking yellow light or other flashing pedestrian light on River Street between Memorial Drive and Putnam Avenue.

O-10 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: Federal and State officials have discussed new clean water standards, known as the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit, for years; and

WHEREAS: The MS4 Permit is intended to protect bodies of water by controlling stormwater runoff, because municipal drainage is the main source of water pollution in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: The MS4 Permit would require municipalities to comply with stricter stormwater management standards that align with the federal Clean Water Act to better protect rivers from the contaminated runoff that enters storm drains; and

WHEREAS: The Trump Administration announced just days before the MS4 Permit would have gone into effect that they were delaying federal enforcement of the rule; and

WHEREAS: The State Department of Environmental Protection, however, could still implement the rule without federal enforcement, as it went into effect in Massachusetts in July 2017; and

WHEREAS: This long-discussed rule will ensure that municipalities are properly handling their stormwater runoff and that our rivers, ponds, and other bodies of water are protected from the contaminated runoff that flows into storm drains; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council hereby goes on record in urging Governor Baker and the State Department of Environmental Protection to begin enforcing the MS4 permit rules that are currently in effect at the State level; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested for forward a suitably engrossed copy of this Order to Governor Baker and the State Department of Environmental Protection on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-11 Aug 7, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Community Development Department and any other relevant department as to how peer-to-peer car sharing is currently regulated by the City of Cambridge, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-12 Aug 7, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: As road races in communities like Cambridge appear to be steadily gaining in popularity, a number of residents have asked that the City clarify whom in the City is responsible for giving approval for each race, that the City explain the costs and benefits these road races can bring to the City and how these are weighed against each other in determining whether a race will be allowed to proceed, and

how residents and businesses along a race route are alerted to each upcoming race by the City; now therefore be it ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the questions outlined above in a timely manner.

O-13 Aug 7, 2017

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has historically been a proud supporter of Immigrants, including Undocumented Immigrants and their Rights; and

WHEREAS: Since 1985 Cambridge has been a Sanctuary City; becoming one of the first communities in the Nation to enact such important legislation; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts' highest court has recently ruled that local law enforcement officials do not have the authority, under state law, to detain a person based solely on a request from federal immigration authorities; and

WHEREAS: The recent landmark decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court was hailed by immigrant activists and state Attorney General Maura Healey, who called it, "a victory for the rule of law"; and

WHEREAS: The Ruling (<http://www.mass.gov/courts/docs/sjc/reporter-of-decisions/newopinions/12276.pdf>) Lunn v. Commonwealth case, the court concluded that Massachusetts State Law, "provides no authority for Massachusetts court officers to arrest and hold an individual solely on the basis of a Federal civil immigration detainer, beyond the time that the individual would otherwise be entitled to be released from State custody"; and

WHEREAS: Governor Charlie Baker and his administration has reported they are exploring "legislative options" that would allow Massachusetts State Police to cooperate with federal immigration officials on some detainer requests, in an attempt to circumvent the rulings by the Massachusetts Supreme Court; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: The Cambridge City Council is calling on Governor Charles Baker and his administration to cease any efforts in enacting any Massachusetts legislation that would be used to detain, hold or jail anyone that has met any requirements to be released under Massachusetts Criminal Statutes; and be it further

RESOLVED: The City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Attorney General Maura Healey and Governor Charles Baker on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-14 Aug 7, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Throughout this term, the City has been making strident efforts to increase the safety on our streets for bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians, and one major component of this effort has been the establishment of pop-up bicycle lanes on major thoroughfares; and

WHEREAS: The push for the City to amplify and accelerate its efforts to create a network of separated bicycle lanes picked up momentum with a [series of policy orders that were passed during the Oct 17, 2016 City Council meeting](#), and the implementation of these bicycle lanes has continued throughout the first half of 2017; and

WHEREAS: While the establishment of separated bicycle lanes has been widely hailed, a community must be both mindful and methodical in how it seeks to achieve its goals, and there are a growing number of voices suggesting that the City has not devoted the necessary forethought toward sensibly erecting the new pop-up bicycle lanes to avoid creating negative, potentially dangerous unintended consequences; and

WHEREAS: The roll-out of this process has led some residents to voice concerns that the pop-up lanes were erected prior to proper signage being posted, before adequate outreach to neighborhood residents had been conducted, and before the City could adequately educate the community about new traffic patterns, and this has contributed to confusion amongst motorists and an increased risk of accidents along some roadways; and

WHEREAS: Additionally, local business owners who do favor bicycle-safety measures have nevertheless voiced concerns that the method in which the City has been erecting the bicycle lanes has made it increasingly difficult for their vendors to make deliveries, and some businesses have reported losing vendors who have cited difficulties navigating our increasingly narrow streets, and finding fewer loading zones from which to operate, as reasons to withdraw their services from Cambridge businesses; and

WHEREAS: The City must be committed to ensuring that our streets are as safe as possible to all who utilize them, be they bicyclists, motorists, or pedestrians, but the City must also be mindful of how it implements new safety measures and street modifications, to ensure that these are being done with all due care and deliberation, and to ensure that these are not inadvertently creating new problems in the process; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department, the Director of the Community Development Department, and all other relevant personnel to review the concerns that have been raised about the implementation of the pop-up bicycle lanes, to reach out to and meet with representatives of the neighborhoods in which these bicycle lanes have been erected and to meet with representatives of each of the city's neighborhood business associations to learn of any specific concerns, to withhold further implementation of new pop-up lanes until these meetings have taken place, and to report back to the City Council within 30 days on possible remedies to any concerns that have been raised.

O-15 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: In February 2016, Marcie Mitler was hit by a car and killed while walking at the intersection of Somerville Avenue and White Street in Porter Square; and

WHEREAS: In October 2016, Dr. Bernard "Joe" Lavins was killed as he was cycling through the Porter Square intersection and was hit by a 18-wheeler truck; and

WHEREAS: Improvements to the dangerous Porter Square intersection are in process; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of the Traffic, Parking &

Transportation Department to report back to the Council with an update on infrastructure changes being made to the Porter Square intersection, including a schedule of work and details on the community process.

O-16 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Grand Junction path continues to be a great opportunity to create a safe bike infrastructure and to connect our neighborhoods to the river in Eastern parts of the city; and

WHEREAS: MIT is currently in the rezoning process of the Volpe site and are major land owners across the path; and

WHEREAS: The path's success depends on the cooperation and willingness of property owners along the trail line to recognize its importance to the community and its importance as a transportation project; and

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development and report back to the City Council with language to continue to pursue a Grand Junction Overlay District and to confer with MIT about incorporating plans for the Grand Junction Path into the design process for the Volpe Site and report back to the City Council by Sept 18th, 2017.

O-17 Aug 7, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: A number of residents have expressed concerns that the proposed 775 foot high Winthrop Tower in Boston, to be constructed by Millenium Partners, will lead to new flight patterns in and out of Logan Airport, and that this would ultimately result in a greater amount of noise disturbances throughout Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to reach out to and consult with the appropriate representatives from the City of Boston, Millenium Partners, and Logan Airport to determine whether the concerns cited by Cambridge residents can be mitigated and factored into the development of this proposed tower, to explore what options the City of Cambridge may have in blocking this building's construction if that proves to be necessary, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-18 Aug 7, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Trump Administration [continues threatening to punish](#) cities that, like Cambridge, have declared themselves to be "Sanctuary Cities" by withholding federal funds from them, and while the courts have thus far successfully blocked these actions, it would be wise for Cambridge to have contingency plans in place in the event that the Administration is ultimately able to carry out these actions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to establish a public fund that can be utilized in the event that the Trump Administration withholds federal funds from Cambridge as a Sanctuary City, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-19 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes that the United States Constitution was created to protect the rights of individual citizens, not corporate entities; and

WHEREAS: As a result of the Citizens United v Federal Election Commission case, the United States Supreme Court ruled in 2010 that there shall be no restrictions on amounts of independent political spending because such spending is considered a form of free speech protected by the First Amendment; and

WHEREAS: Americans believe that money has a greater impact on politics today than ever before, and more than half of Americans believe that high campaign costs prevent quality candidates from running; and

WHEREAS: A new Constitutional Amendment, to be negotiated by way of a convention of delegates from each state, can be created in order to affirm that the rights provided by the Constitution apply only to human individuals; and

WHEREAS: This Amendment can require Congress and the states to place limitations on political contributions and/or expenditures to ensure money spent to influence elections is not protected free speech under the First Amendment; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts House of Representatives and the Massachusetts Senate have proposed such measures in Senate Bill 379 and House Bill 1926, An Act for a United States constitutional amendment and amendments convention; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of S.379 and H.1926, encouraging Massachusetts to join other states who seek to create a new Constitutional Amendment and to act on these bills as soon as possible during legislative session; 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 elected Cambridge delegation in the Massachusetts House and Senate, as well as House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Stanley Rosenberg on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-20 Aug 7, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Residents living near Clement Morgan Park have raised concerns about activities taking place in this park and the immediate surrounding neighborhoods during the summer months, citing regular episodes of violence, loud music after 9pm and throughout the night, individuals that have acted in a threatening manner towards passers-by, and drug usage that has led to needles regularly strewn about the area; and

WHEREAS: These residents have also cited concerns about the unacceptable levels of trash and debris on the streets in and around Clement Morgan Park; and

WHEREAS: These residents have also cited concerns over feeling unsafe when walking near and around Clement Morgan Park and its surrounding neighborhoods due to the aforementioned activities, and have requested that the City offer renewed attention towards better maintaining this area

and working to ensure that all residents feel welcome and safe in this family park; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Police Commissioner to immediately establish a greater police presence in and near Clement Morgan Park, to direct the Director of the Public Works Department to increase the level of handsweepers cleaning this area each morning for the balance of the summer, and to report back to the City Council on the impact of these directives in a timely manner.

O-21 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The Ordinance Committee is currently considering the Volpe Petition, which was filed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS: This considerable project has far reaching implications for surrounding neighborhoods and will, in part, help shape the future of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: In the interest of ensuring that as many people can participate in and review the discussions as possible, the Chair of the Ordinance Committee requests that all future hearings related to the Volpe Petition be broadcast and televised; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments to make the necessary provisions to have all future Ordinance Committee meetings related to the Volpe Petition be televised.

O-22 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Having access to high-speed internet is increasingly a necessary part of personal, professional, and civic life; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a variety of private internet providers providing a mix of access to the internet at different speeds; and

WHEREAS: The City's Broadband Municipal Broadband Task Force recently reviewed the potential for the City to create its own municipal broadband program and to offer high speed internet access to private parties within the City; and

WHEREAS: It is not clear what the City is planning to do for next steps in analyzing and, potentially, operationalizing municipal Broadband; and

WHEREAS: A city without comprehensive and widespread access to high speed internet will lose competitiveness in the knowledge economy; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City departments and report back to the City Council on the status of the City's plans to review and possibly implement a municipal Broadband system; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide this report to the City Council at its first meeting in September.

O-23 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge is working on expanding its bike infrastructure throughout the City; and

WHEREAS: While some data appears to show that increased biking more than compensates for reduction in parking and vehicle lanes in terms of local business activity but it is not clear how that data applies to Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Cyclists in Cambridge use their bicycles for a variety of reasons, to include commuting, recreation and running errands, but there is no readily available data about who is using their bicycles for what reasons and under what conditions to help guide infrastructure investment and policy decisions; and

WHEREAS: Current data shows a great increase in bike use overall but with wide fluctuations in ridership depending on weather, season and time of day;

WHEREAS: Developing this bicycle use related information in a meaningful and useful fashion, and expanding it to include data related to the use of personal electric vehicles such as Ebikes, Onewheels and electric scooters and the demographics of ridership, will be a challenging, time consuming and expensive proposition; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City Staff and report back to the City Council with a proposal to design, fund and implement a bike and electric personal vehicle transportation study to provide the City with a comprehensive explanation of who is going where, why and under what conditions via bike or personal electric vehicle.

O-24 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge played a part in incorrectly advising landlords on the approach to liquor licenses they needed as well as the types available; and

WHEREAS: The City will require additional legal help and perspective in balancing the legal and customer service aspects of this issue, in addition to finding a pathway to suspend and/or refund renewal charges; and

WHEREAS: Suspending the revocation of licenses until this issue is resolved will also need to take place; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update to the City Council, at the first meeting in September, as to the progress and plan to address the concerns regarding the sale of liquor licenses.

O-25 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Municipal broadband is a project undertaken by local governments to provide higher speed internet wired into the homes and business establishments of the city, through an investment in city-owned fiber infrastructure; and

WHEREAS: Gigabit broadband is now a necessity for Americans as a matter of competitive innovation, education, economic opportunity, and communication; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is behind, suffers a lack of internet provider competition, and has unusually low speeds and service; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge and America are not keeping up when it comes to investments in fiber infrastructure compared to benchmark countries South Korea and Singapore or Sweden and the Netherlands; and

WHEREAS: The Broadband Task Force was established to look at stakeholder perspectives, social equity, cost and logistics, and many other factors around municipal broadband; and

WHEREAS: The cost of Phase II analysis, which would generate a plan for municipal fiber in Cambridge, is expected to be high, but has not apparently been competitively bid; and

WHEREAS: A Cambridge fiber project would be expensive to build out but could be a net revenue generator; and

WHEREAS: This is one of the most popular issues Cantabrigians of all stripes ask policy-makers about; and

WHEREAS: The Broadband Task Force was recently disbanded without consultation of the City Council and despite the Broadband Task Force appearing to insist on a Phase II process; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Municipal Broadband Task Force be reconstituted; and be it further

ORDERED: That the reconstituted group run Phase II as a competitive bid; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on successful cost-effective procurement for phase II by the end of calendar year.

O-26 Aug 7, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council on the circumstances surrounding the major gas leak on Binney Street on July 28, 2017, and report back to the City Council on specifically what can be done prevent future similar incidents that are harmful to the environment and to residents.