

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on COVID-19.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable Without Power for a term of three years, effective Jan 1, 2020: John Graziano
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$52,158.29 received from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), Shared Streets and Spaces Program Grant, to the Grant Fund Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for expenses associated with the Starlight Square temporary place-keeping intervention in Municipal Parking Lot 5 in Central Square.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an FY21 State 911 Department Training grant in the amount of \$138,113 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salary and Wages account (\$92,735), and Grant Fund Emergency Communications Travel and Training account (\$45,378) which will support training of Emergency Communications Center personnel, classroom fees, and training materials.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an FY21 State 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant in the amount of \$494,531 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salaries and Wages account (\$278,831), and to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$215,700) which will support the costs of Emergency Communications Center personnel salaries and overtime and annual maintenance costs of dispatch-related software.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 received through donations from Cambridge Savings Bank (\$25,000) and Divco West/Cambridge Crossing (\$25,000) to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to cover costs associated with My Brother's Keeper Summer Empowerment Program.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-35, regarding an update on the Cambridge Police Patrol Officers' Association union contract negotiations.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a new member of the Cambridge Water Board for a term of 5-years, effective Sept 14, 2020: Michael J. McNeley
9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-38, regarding a report on lessons learned from 2016 and on plans in place to institute water savings measures and to inform the public as soon as practicable about the possibility of dry and drought conditions.
10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$100,000, received from Harvard University, to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which combined with City funding of \$150,000, will support the operation of the Y2Y Shelter from August through December.
11. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$100,218 funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$3,000), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$97,218) which will allow the operation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
12. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$12,500 received from the Cambridge Housing Authority for the College Success Initiative (CSI), to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to support a portion of the salary costs for one of the college success coaches to work with students attending Bunker Hill Community College and UMass Boston.
13. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$15,000 received from the Cambridge Community Foundation for the College Success Initiative (CSI), to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to support part of the salary costs associated with a college success coach who will provide individualized college coaching for students attending UMass Boston and for graduates of the Community Learning Center's Bridge to College program who attend Bunker Hill Community College.
14. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$83,650 received from the Cambridge Housing Authority for the Cambridge Employment Program, to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs 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.
15. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Children's Trust Fund grant for the Center for Families program in the amount of \$36,750 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$31,053) and the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,697) which will be used by the Center for Families to support family programs targeting parents of children up to eight years, which include a variety of family support and parent education programs and resources.
 16. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Cambridge Public Health Department to the Moore Youth Center, in the amount of \$750, to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$750) which will be used to continue the Teen Internship Program at the Moore Youth Center.
 17. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$9,335, received from donations to Cambridge Individuals with Special Needs, to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support participant and program needs including team uniforms, Special Olympic costs, theatrical production costs, mobility and physical therapy equipment, and art supplies.
 18. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Shannon Grant received from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition/Shannon Community Safety Initiative through the Executive Office of Public Safety for \$24,040 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$22,032) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,008) which will be used to support the design and implementation of the City Peace program, a violence prevention peer leadership internship for teens through the Youth Centers.
 19. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Family Shelter grant received from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$498,600.25 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used by the YWCA operate its family shelter from July 1, 2020 through Mar 31, 2021, including the provision of case management and housing search and stabilization services for up to ten homeless families referred by the DHCD.
 20. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to additional amendments to the draft

amendment to the Municipal Code introducing a new ordinance entitled Chapter 8.71- Tenants' Rights and Resources Notification.

21. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-39 and 20-40, regarding contacting the new owners of Jerry's Pond and discussing next steps in the potential restoration and improvements to Jerry's Pond and its surrounding areas.
22. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt, following further study and refinement, the Fossil Fuel Zoning Petition (Amendments to Article 22.000 of the Zoning Ordinance).
23. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt the Affordable Housing Overlay (AHO) Zoning Petition.
24. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Affordable Housing Overlay Zoning Petition CDD staff follow-up on items requested by the Ordinance Committee at its hearing on Aug 19, 2020.
25. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the recommendations of the Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC) for FY2021.

[\[FY21 CPA Vote Chair Letter to City Manager\]](#) [\[FY21 Project Recommendations Book\]](#) [\[09142020 CPA orders\]](#) [\[CPA appropriation orders\]](#)

VOTE 1: Fiscal Year 2021 Local Funds (\$10,500,000)

Vote 1A

80% of FY2021 CPA Local Fund revenues (**\$8,400,000**) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust

Vote 1B

10% of FY2021 CPA Local Fund revenues (**\$1,050,000**) allocated to Historic Preservation as follows:

1. \$605,000 appropriated to the Historic Preservation Grants
2. \$330,000 appropriated to the 93-99 Bishop Allen Drive Restoration
3. \$65,000 appropriated to Digitizing the Architectural Survey, Phase III
4. \$50,000 appropriated to the Foundry, Women's History Project

Vote 1C

10% of FY2021 CPA Local Fund revenues (**\$1,050,000**) allocated to Open Space as follows:

1. \$600,000 appropriated to Linear Park, Design
2. \$233,000 appropriated to the Sennott Park Project
3. \$200,000 appropriated to the Peabody School Playground Project

4. \$17,000 appropriated to the Open Space Reserve Fund

VOTE 2: Fiscal Year 2020 State Funds [received in FY2021] (\$2,150,000)

Vote 2A

80% of FY2020 State Match revenues (\$1,720,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust

Vote 2B

10% of FY2020 State Match revenues (\$215,000) allocated to Historic Preservation as follows:

1. \$120,000 appropriated to the Foundry, Masonry Restoration
2. \$95,000 appropriated to the Historic Preservation Grants

Vote 2C

10% of FY2020 State Match revenues (\$215,000) allocated to Open Space as follows:

1. \$150,000 appropriated to Magazine Beach, Sunken Parking Lot Removal & Grassy Beach Creation
2. \$65,000 appropriated to the Open Space Reserve Fund

VOTE 3: CPA Fund Balance (\$2,670,000)

Vote 3A

80% of the Fund Balance (\$2,136,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust

Vote 3B

10% of the Fund Balance (\$267,000) allocated to Historic Preservation as follows:

1. \$267,000 appropriated to the Foundry, Masonry Restoration

Vote 3C

10% of the Fund Balance (\$267,000) allocated to Open Space as follows:

1. \$267,000 appropriated to the Sennott Park Project

VOTE 4: CPA Fund Balance - Administration (\$10,000)

Vote 4A

1. \$10,000 appropriated to Administrative Costs for Community Preservation Coalition membership dues
26. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a member of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees: 3-year terms, Susanne A. Martz, PhD, William L. Lahey, Paula Paris. 1-year terms: Alexander White, MD, Joshua Posner, Gerald McCue

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a proposed restatement of an amendment to the Mayor's Disaster Relief Account, entitled "The City of Cambridge Restated and Amended Mayor's Disaster Relief Account" ("Account"). [CHARTER RIGHT

EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020]

2. The City Manager look into transferring primary traffic enforcement responsibilities from the Cambridge Police Department to unarmed, trained enforcement personnel in the Traffic & Parking Department, Department of Public Works, Health & Human Services, or another suitable department. [CHARTER EXERCISED BY VICE MAYOR MALLON IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020]
3. That the city manager be and hereby is requested to look into suspending street cleaning on Sept 1, 2020 and Nov 3, 2020; that he work with the Elections Commission to order 8 additional drop boxes and to inquire whether CHA will have additional locations for drop boxes. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR TOOMEY IN COUNCIL AUG 3, 2020]
4. An application was received from David Biancaville, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 10 Acorn Park Drive; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020]

ON THE TABLE

5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor, Community Development, Public Works, Inspectional Services and any other related departments to review the proposed amendments regarding the prohibition of Natural Gas Infrastructure in New Buildings. [TABLED ON JAN 27, 2020]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. 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]
7. That the Cambridge City Council amend the Municipal Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to insert a new Chapter 8.71, entitled Tenants' Rights and Resources Notification. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020. TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER SEPT 14, 2020.]
8. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City of Cambridge Law Department to review the above changes to the language of the Domestic Partnerships Ordinance and report back to the Council. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020. TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER SEPT 14, 2020.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Theresa Freni representing Santander, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 599 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and proof of abutters has been received.
2. An application was received from Heather representing Bank of America, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 212 Hampshire Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
3. A Zoning Petition Has been received from BMR–Third LLC c/o BioMed Realty, L.P. regarding a Zoning Amendment Petition for a new Planned Unit Development PUD District CDK.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Amanda Beatty, regarding DHSP preschool's opening and plans for testing.
2. A communication was received from Kelly Dolan, regarding the City Council and Cambridge Public Schools must be prioritized.
3. A communication was received from Kelly Dolan, regarding the Superintendent Salin and Cambridge Public Schools must be prioritized.
4. A communication was received from Ruthann Rudel, regarding AHO bike parking facilities.
5. A communication was received from Lynn Cetrulo, regarding housing choices.
6. A communication was received from Felicia Brady-Lopez, 158 Pleasant Street, regarding Mayor's Disaster relief fund and supporting the arts.
7. A communication was received from Aaron Oppenheimer, 160 Pleasant Street, regarding support arts organizations through COVID.
8. A communication was received from Emily Bloomenthal, regarding City Manager's Order about arts disaster relief funding.
9. A communication was received from Dana Jay Bein, regarding including arts organizations with disaster relief funding.
10. A communication was received from Margaux Skalecki, regarding the arts organizations are included in the disaster relief fund.
11. A communication was received from Emma Leavitt, regarding Arts in Cambridge.
12. A communication was received from Melanie Hedlund, 166 Massachusetts Avenue, regarding including the arts organizations on disaster relief fund.

13. A communication was received from Andy Taylor-Blenis, regarding arts organizations need your immediate attention.
14. A communication was received from Genevieve Carmel, regarding arts organizations.
15. A communication was received from Caitlin Canty, regarding Studio 550 and Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund.
16. A communication was received from Sharon Sky, regarding support to amend and expedite Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund.
17. A communication was received from Callie Chapman, 550 Massachusetts Avenue, regarding Disaster Relief Fund.
18. A communication was received from Sarah Craver, regarding Disaster Relief Fund.
19. A communication was received from Ellice Patterson, regarding support for Arts Organisation Disaster Relief Fund.
20. A communication was received from Chavi Bansal, regarding support for Studio 550 Arts Organization Disaster Relief Fund.
21. A communication was received from Jessica Roseman, regarding support for Studio 550 Arts Organization Disaster Relief Fund.
22. A communication was received from Karen Krolak, regarding support for Studio 550 Arts Organization Disaster Relief Fund.
23. A communication was received from Diane C. Norris, regarding Arts Organization Disaster Relief Fund.
24. A communication was received from Jossie Thaddeus, regarding traffic enforcement proposal.
25. A communication was received from Becca Schofield, regarding ABC Support for AHO and JAS Rindge Commons.
26. A communication was received from Jane Hirschi, regarding support for 585 Third Street.
27. A communication was received from Luis Mejias, regarding Cambridge Police refusing to process License to Carry applications.
28. A communication was received from Charles Hinds, regarding ECPT letter of support for rethinking our streets.
29. A communication was received from Sasha Peterson, regarding Studio 550.
30. A communication was received from Marilyn Wellons, regarding Affordable Housing in Cambridge.
31. A communication was received from Kelly Dolan and Greg Berndt, Upland Road, regarding CRLS remote plan.
32. A communication was received from James Williamson, 1000 Jackson Place, regarding revised AHO, Tree Protection, Environmental Justice and Equity.
33. A communication was received from James Williamson, 1000 Jackson Place, regarding stabbing in Central Square.

34. A communication was received from Tania Hanscom, regarding Alternative Housing at Churchill Park.
35. A communication was received from Becca Scholfield, regarding addressing Climate change.
36. A communication was received from Angelika Zollfrank, regarding Affordable Housing Overlay.
37. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Harvard Square Upzoning.
38. A communication was received from James Williamson, Jefferson Park, regarding appointments to various boards and commissions.
39. A communication was received from James Williamson, Jefferson Park, regarding Tree Protection.
40. A communication was received from James Williamson, Jefferson Park, regarding CPA money for so-called "Affordable housing".

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of John Ramos. Councillor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of Fr. George D. Vartzelis. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
3. Resolution on the death of Kevin Kerrigan. Councillor Simmons
4. Resolution on the death of Manuel Maia. Councillor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Frances M. Camelio. Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Felicia A. Roberts. Councillor Toomey
7. Resolution on the death of Wayne Travers. Councillor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of Paul Nicholas Gargano. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of William "Bill" Michael Reghitto. Councillor Toomey
10. Resolution on the death of David C. Morton. Councillor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Leon West. Councillor Simmons
12. Resolution on the death of Joseph Luis Victoria. Councillor Toomey
13. Resolution on the death of Dennis Donnelly, Sr. Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of Joseph Palomba. Councillor Toomey
15. Resolution on the death of John Berry. Councillor Simmons
16. Wishing a Speedy Recovery to Rev. Dr. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes. Councillor Simmons
17. Resolution on the death of Michelle Schepis. Councillor Toomey
18. Resolution on the death of William Devereaux. Councillor Simmons
19. Resolution on the death of Sharon Hall. Councillor Simmons
20. Resolution on the death of Michael A. Pires. Councillor Toomey
21. That the City Council recognizes September 2020 as Latinx Heritage Month and encourages all Cambridge residents to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Cambridge's Latinx community. Mayor Siddiqui
22. That the City Council goes on record recognizing Sept 22, 2020 as National Voter Registration day in the City of Cambridge and encourages residents to register to vote by Oct 24, 2020. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
23. Congratulations to MIT School of Science Dean Nergis Mavalvala. Mayor Siddiqui
24. That the City Council go on record congratulating the Broad Institute for reaching this milestone of administering over 1 million COVID-19 tests and thanking them for their tireless efforts in keeping Cambridge and the surrounding communities safe. Mayor Siddiqui
25. That the City Council go on record extending its appreciation to the Sufi Service Committee for their dedication and goodwill, congratulating them on another successful year fostering community, and wishing them continued success for many more years of service. Mayor Siddiqui
26. Thanking Jayms Battaglia. Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon
27. Resolution on the death of Roz Springer. Councillor Simmons
28. Resolution on the death of Evelina DaSilva. Councillor Toomey
29. Retirement of Lei-Anne Ellis from the Cambridge Public Schools (CPS), Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) and Public Health Department. Mayor Siddiqui
30. Resolution on the death of Kathleen M. Gillespie. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. Request the reopening of the Danroy "DJ" Henry case and charge officer Aaron Hess for excessive use of force, negligent treatment of life in the death of DJ Henry. Councillor McGovern
2. Policy Order re Illegal Parking in Front of LBJ Apartments. Councillor Simmons
3. Policy Order re Trash on Columbia Street. Councillor Simmons

4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Economic Development Department, the Harvard Square Business Association, the Harvard Square Neighborhood Association and Harvard University on the implementation of closing several blocks of streets in Harvard Square as soon as possible to vehicular traffic, with the exception of deliveries, using the attached map as one possible vision. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone
5. That the City Council go on record recognizing September 2020 as Recovery Awareness Month in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toomey
6. The City Manager is requested to work with Claude Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer of the Cambridge Public Health Department to appoint a Vaccine Task Force to develop a plan that keeps equity at the forefront. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
7. That the City Manager confer with the CPS Food and Nutrition team and Cambridge Complete Count Committee on deploying Census outreach at food distribution sites for the remainder of September. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan
8. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department and any other appropriate City personnel to establish a means of providing technical support to marginalized, underrepresented business owners and non-profit arts organizations in applying for and obtaining the critical funds from the Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund Grant and Loan program, and/or from other similar State and Federal assistance programs, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner. Councillor Simmons
9. That the City Manager confer with the Department of Public Works, the Cambridge Water Department and other relevant partners to create a pilot program for wastewater testing for evidence of COVID-19. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toomey
10. That the City Manager examine expanding visitor permit access for Permit Area 14. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
11. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to examine what traffic calming measures may be implemented for these sections of Walden Street. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons
12. That the Cambridge City Council go on record in strong support of H.4878, and in urging the legislature to pass it

immediately. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. [A report of the Human Services and Veterans Committee](#), for a public hearing held on June 25, 2020 to receive an update from the Department of Human Services and the School Department of Summer Camp programming for Cambridge Youth.
2. [A report of the Ordinance Committee](#) Meeting held on July 7, 2020 regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance,
3. [A report of the Ordinance Committee](#) Meeting held on July 8, 2020 regarding the Affordable Housing Overlay.
4. [A report of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee](#) Meeting held on July 20, 2020 regarding an extension of the current City Manager's Contract.
5. [A report of the Housing Committee](#) for a public hearing held on July 21, 2020 to receive a report from the Housing Liaison to the City Manager's Office on her proposed priorities for the remainder of the 2020-2021 City Council term.
6. [A report of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee](#) Meeting held on July 22, 2020 regarding amending the rules of the Cambridge City Council.
7. [A report of the Ordinance Committee](#) Meeting held on Aug 19, 2020 regarding the Affordable Housing Overlay.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor Simmons the City Manager's Contract extension. Councillor Simmons
Sept 10, 2020
To: Mr. Anthony Wilson, Clerk of Cambridge
Re: Memo Re City Manager's Contract
Dear Mr. Wilson:
I am submitting this letter for inclusion on the September 14, 2020 City Council meeting agenda. In my role as Chair of the Government Rules and Operations Committee, I have been authorized by the committee to hold direct conversations with City Manager Louis A. DePasquale to discuss the possibility of extending his contract with the City. These discussions having taken place, I am now moving to make the following recommendation to the City Council: I propose that the City Council offer to extend the City Manager's contract to Mr. DePasquale for a period of 18 months, with a 2.5 percent cost of living adjustment at signing. The contract would begin on January 9, 2021 and would run through July 5, 2022.
I thank my colleagues for their attention to and consideration of this matter.
Sincerely,
City Councilor E. Denise Simmons

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber – TV, webcast, Zoom)

Wed, Sept 16

1:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing to discuss improvements to Harvard Square to promote safe streets and truck traffic regulations in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber – webcast, Zoom)

Mon, Sept 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber – TV, webcast, Zoom)

Wed, Sept 30

2:00pm The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving final recommendations from the Community Development Department on updating the commercial land use classification system within the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber – webcast, Zoom)

Mon, Oct 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
6:30pm Tax Rate Hearing (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 14, 2020

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: On the night of Oct 16, 2010, Danroy “DJ” Henry went out in Pleasantville, NY with teammates, celebrating the win of Pace University’s Homecoming Football Game; and

WHEREAS: DJ’s parents, Angela Henry and Danroy Henry Sr. both attended Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School, connecting them to our city and this council; and

WHEREAS: Unrelated to the Pace University group, a fight broke out and local police were called; and

WHEREAS: DJ was asked by police to move his car out of a fire lane where he was waiting for his teammates, and as he moved his car,

he was fired upon by Officer Aaron Hess of the Pleasantville PD; and

WHEREAS: DJ was shot 3 times as he drove, pulled from the car, handcuffed, then left face down on the street unattended, dying, with 3 bullet wounds to his chest; and

WHEREAS: Initial reports, which suggested that DJ was shot because he tried to run over officer Hess, were later deemed to be untrue. In fact, DJ was moving his car in compliance with the officers’ request; and

WHEREAS: Ronald Beckley, a 30-year veteran officer of Westchester County, admitted that in his opinion, officer Hess was the aggressor and not DJ. He further stated that he shot officer Hess in the leg because he did not know who he was and thought that he was the aggressor, and that he was not sure why Hess “had placed himself in front of the car”; and

WHEREAS: No charges have been filed against officer Hess despite this new evidence; and

WHEREAS: Since the death of DJ, it has become more and more evident that Black and Brown people have been killed by the hands of white police officers, something that has been going on long before DJ’s death, but has gained increased visibility due to cell phone video and police body cameras; and

WHEREAS: The Henry family deserve a new investigation into the killing of their son; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record requesting that the Danroy “DJ” Henry’s case be reopened; that officer Aaron Hess be charged for excessive use of force, negligent treatment of life in the death of DJ Henry; and that a formal apology and acknowledgement of the misinformation that was knowingly stated by the Westchester Police Department and others be made to the Henry family; and be it further

ORDERED: That an official copy of this resolution be sent to the Westchester Police Chief, the Westchester District Attorney, the Governor of New York, and New York Senators Chuck Schumer and Kristen Gillibrand.

O-2 Sept 14, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Over the course of the past year, a number of residents of the LBJ Apartments, located at 150 Erie Street, have voiced concerns that vehicles are frequently illegally parking in front of their building; and

WHEREAS: The space in front of this building, which is home to mostly senior citizens, is reserved for emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire trucks, and LBJ residents have cited fears that the vehicles they regularly see illegally parked in front of their building could impede the work of first responders, which could have potentially deadly consequences in an emergency; and

WHEREAS: This issue has been brought to the attention of the City and the Cambridge Police over the course of the past year, but unfortunately no lasting solutions have been found, leaving LBJ residents frustrated over what they view as a potential hazard to their safety; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the Director of Traffic, Parking, and Transportation, the Cambridge Police Department, and any other relevant City personnel to collaborate with the Cambridge Housing Authority in formulating plans that will lead to increased enforcement of the parking regulations in front of 150 Erie Street, that will discourage

illegal parking in front of the building, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-3 Sept 14, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the City Council's attention that there is a recurring problem on Columbia Street involving the placement of trash and discarded furniture on the streets during the final weekend of each of the summer months, coinciding with the periods of greatest annual tenant turnover; and

WHEREAS: There are several multi-family homes on Columbia Street that are mostly owned by out-of-town landlords, and unfortunately there are no incentives for these landlords to ensure that their outgoing tenants be mindful of the City's trash pick-up schedule when they leave, leading to the excessive placement of discarded items on the streets when the tenants move out, and a sense of blight and neglect in the area; and

WHEREAS: The discarded furniture and trash piles are often left out for several days between scheduled trash pick-ups, forcing residents of Columbia Street to regularly contact the City to request that the DPW be dispatched to pick up the discarded trash – a task which the DPW unfailingly does, and which the Columbia Street residents are grateful for; and

WHEREAS: As this is an issue that seems to recur each year during the summer months, the City should be able to anticipate the need for increased DPW trash pick-ups on Columbia Streets during the months of June – September each year and be able to build this into the DPW's schedule of service, so that it does not continue to fall upon the Columbia Street residents to request this additional service each summer; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the Director of the Public Works Department to review this matter, establish a plan that is responsive to the concerns of the Columbia Street residents, and report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-4 Sept 14, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 pandemic has fundamentally changed the way that public spaces are designed and the need for open, outdoor space has dramatically increased; and

WHEREAS: Local businesses are struggling to stay afloat, and it is not clear when restaurants and retail will be safely able to have close to their full capacity of patrons inside; during this unknown period, outdoor retail and dining remains an important lifeline; and

WHEREAS: There have been numerous attempts to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety and slow traffic in Harvard Square after [multiple fatalities](#) have occurred over the past three years; and

WHEREAS: Recent [studies](#) have shown the myriad benefits that come from the pedestrianization of city centers, including an increase in commercial activity, and improved street life and safety; and

WHEREAS: Cities, including those with a similar climate to Cambridge, such as Burlington, Vermont and Boulder, Colorado, have permanently closed several blocks of central city streets creating open spaces for retail, restaurant and resident strolling;

and cities in Europe of all sizes have had success with pedestrianized areas of urban centers; and

WHEREAS: The Council unanimously passed [an order](#) asking for certain streets in Harvard Square be closed to vehicle traffic on a select number of days during the summer of 2020; now the idea of having a permanent plan for open space and outdoor dining is appropriate; and

WHEREAS: The [Envision Cambridge Masterplan](#) states, "By encouraging vibrancy on streets in the city's retail districts, Cambridge can ensure these commercial areas continue to meet the everyday needs of the city's population. Vibrancy can be fostered both through street design and retail district programming"; and

WHEREAS: Moody Street in Waltham has been a vibrant destination over the summer as the entire street has been closed to vehicle traffic to make space for outdoor dining and retail; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Economic Development Department, the Harvard Square Business Association, the Harvard Square Neighborhood Association and Harvard University on the implementation of closing several blocks of streets in Harvard Square as soon as possible to vehicular traffic, with the exception of deliveries, using the attached map as one possible vision; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to work with stakeholders to determine if making these street modifications permanent would work towards fulfilling city goals; and further be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council before October 1.

O-5 Sept 14, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: National Recovery Month is a national observance to commemorate individuals on a journey to recovery and to raise awareness on how substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with mental and substance use disorders to live healthy and rewarding lives; and

WHEREAS: Doctors, experts, and loved ones come together to stress the importance of continuing treatment as part of the recovery process and to prevent further addictions; and

WHEREAS: Each September, Recovery Month works to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the emergence of a strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across the nation who make recovery in all its forms possible; and

WHEREAS: It is important to recognize the signs within our own loved ones, show support and compassion, and give them the support they need during their recovery process; and

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the stressors that might lead to substance use, and we must come together and help those in need; and

WHEREAS: Throughout Recovery Month, we emphasize the message that treatment is available, and the process of recovery can be effective; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, Cambridge Public Health Department, mental health supports, and advocacy organizations

are dedicated to reach all residents and underscore the universal importance of mental health and recovery programs for those struggling from addiction; and
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge continues to raise awareness about mental health and physical health while also providing solutions that sustain long-term recoveries; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record recognizing September 2020 as Recovery Awareness Month in the City of Cambridge; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager is hereby requested to direct the appropriate City staff to light up City Hall purple for no less than one week in recognition of Recovery Awareness Month.

O-6 Sept 14, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: As national COVID-19 cases reach 6.2 million, vaccine developers have begun hundreds of clinical trials; and

WHEREAS: Currently, there are 45 vaccine trials in Phases I-III of the vaccine approval process, with 8 already in Phase III; and

WHEREAS: When a vaccine is approved and becomes available, the City of Cambridge and our Public Health Department must have a plan on how the vaccine will be equitably disseminated; and

WHEREAS: A plan will ensure residents feel confident in our public health officials' allocation and distribution of any vaccine that becomes available; and

WHEREAS: The plan must maintain equity at the forefront of vaccine dissemination and information sharing, including that we:

- Ensure essential workers, communities of color and low-income residents receive critical information to aid their decision-making around COVID-19 vaccination;
- Partner with community groups, health care provider networks, universities, state and local peers, federal authorities, and other stakeholders, in conducting rapid response research and message development and testing;
- Provide residents with clear and timely explanations regarding COVID-19 vaccine allocation and distribution strategies;
- Develop operational systems including nontraditional locations to provide vaccines, such as faith centers, grocery stores, schools, senior centers, offices, etc.;
- Work to establish a public oversight committee to review and report on COVID-19 vaccination systems, ensuring allocation is fair, target groups receive vaccine, and populations disproportionately affected by the pandemic are justly served; and
- Mandate inclusive committee membership that reflects the jurisdiction's demographic make-up, incorporates diverse sectors including business and faith communities, and involves experts in public health, vaccination, and ethics; now

therefore be it

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with Claude Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer of the Cambridge Public Health Department to appoint a Vaccine Task Force to develop a plan that keeps equity at the forefront with the above recommendations; and be it further

ORDERED: That a diversity of community members and stakeholders be equally represented on this Task Force, that the Task Force should work to solicit the opinions and expertise of other affected stakeholders, and that this Task Force should hold

its first meeting within two months of the adoption of this Policy Order, and report back to the City Council by Dec 21, 2020.

O-7 Sept 14, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The U.S. census provides critical data to determine how federal funding is allocated to a city's hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources; and

WHEREAS: The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts; and

WHEREAS: The stakes are even higher during a global pandemic, and we must work together to complete the most accurate count of Cambridge residents to ensure proper funding distribution, fair government representation, and appropriate, data-informed school and voting district designations for the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS: To date, the City of Cambridge has employed many strategies to reach Cambridge residents and increase census turnout, including nightly Citywide emails, the formation of a multi-sector Cambridge Complete Count Committee, outreach events at Fresh Pond apartments, creating and disseminating materials in eight languages (public buildings, businesses, community spaces), through the school's Backpack Express program, on social media, at Bluebikes stations, through videos with CCTV and 22-CityView, online and more; and

WHEREAS: There have been expected obstacles due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as decreased engagement, concerns about security in providing personal information, and gaps in computer and/or internet access that deny opportunities to respond online; and

WHEREAS: As of Sept 2, 2020, 65% of Cambridge residents have responded to the 2020 Census, down from the 2010 census response rate of 73%; and

WHEREAS: We have a unique opportunity to continue our outreach efforts with the census' deadline extended to Sept 30, 2020, which gives us two more weeks to collect as much information as possible; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public Schools Food and Nutrition team will begin supplying free breakfast and lunch again Monday through Friday starting Sept 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS: Food distribution sites at schools and affordable housing locations are a resource for many community members, and gives us an opportunity to meet the community where they already are; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager confer with the CPS Food and Nutrition team and Cambridge Complete Count Committee on deploying Census outreach at food distribution sites for the remainder of September.

O-8 Sept 14, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund Grant and Loan program has been established to serve as a financial lifeline to our local small business community during the covid-19 crisis, providing grants to businesses of up to \$10,000, which will not

have to be repaid, and zero interest loans of up to \$15,000 from the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund Grant and Loan program was [initially promoted as prioritizing](#) "...businesses that have been more severely affected by the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic," and that its funds could be used toward paying such expenses as "...the average rent, salaries, utilities and cost of goods" that other programs do not cover; and

WHEREAS: At the City Council meeting held on July 27, 2020, the possibility of expanding the scope of organizations that would be eligible to receive funds from this program was raised, even as members of the City Council were hearing from some local small business owners that they had not previously heard about this program, or that they felt they had been unfairly left out of consideration for obtaining these critical funds; and

WHEREAS: Concurrent with any talk of expanding the scope of eligibility for these critical funds, the City must ensure that it has conducted truly aggressive outreach to the community's most vulnerable businesses – particularly the Black and Minority-owned businesses, to those who are not members of the neighborhood business associations, and to those who may not rely heavily upon electronic communication – to ensure that these entities have been given every reasonable opportunity to participate in the Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund Grant and Loan program; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on what specific outreach methods have been conducted to the City's small businesses, particularly those Black and Minority-owned small businesses, to ensure that these entities have been given every reasonable opportunity to participate in and receive funding from the Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund Grant and Loan program; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department and any other appropriate City personnel to establish a means of providing technical support to marginalized, underrepresented business owners and non-profit arts organizations in applying for and obtaining the critical funds from the Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund Grant and Loan program, and/or from other similar State and Federal assistance programs, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-9 Sept 14, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: "Wastewater," also referred to as "sewage," includes water from household/building use (i.e., toilets, showers, sinks) that can contain human fecal waste, as well as water from non-household sources (i.e., rainwater and industrial use); and

WHEREAS: Wastewater can be tested for RNA from SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: SARS-CoV-2 can be shed in the feces of individuals with COVID-19, thus it can provide an early warning sign of a potential outbreak since many asymptomatic individuals are not getting tested; and

WHEREAS: Wastewater testing has been used for years as an effective method for detecting any virus that can be transmitted asymptotically and was instrumental in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative; and

WHEREAS: Currently, researchers around the world – in the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore, China, Spain, United Kingdom, Netherlands and more – are testing wastewater to study and understand the prevalence of COVID-19 infection rates to help prevent COVID-19 outbreaks; and

WHEREAS: The University of Arizona reported signs of a COVID-19 outbreak before it Started by testing their wastewater; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Public School District is relying on several metrics to determine back to school planning, including the rate of positive test rate below 5%, less than 25 new cases per day/per 100,00, and sewage monitoring showing less than 100 copies of RNA per mL; and

ORDERED: Collecting additional data provides more information for our public health departments to make informed, data-driven decisions for reopening and can reveal COVID-19 hotspots up to one to two weeks earlier than current individual testing; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager confer with the Department of Public Works, the Cambridge Water Department and other relevant partners to create a pilot program for wastewater testing for evidence of COVID-19.

O-10 Sept 14, 2020

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 pandemic has changed housing situations and travel patterns for Cantabrigians, with many residents temporarily sheltering family members and other loved ones; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's permit parking requirements require visitors with cars to display a Visitor Parking Permit and park in a designated zone; and

WHEREAS: Current construction in Visitor Permit Area 14, which even normally has minimal street parking, has significantly reduced available space in that Permit Area even further; and

WHEREAS: The Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department has shown flexibility in other aspects of parking requirements during the pandemic by not enforcing meters and other restrictions for significant periods of time; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to examine solutions for residents with visitors in Permit Area 14 such as allowing parking in another Zone or access to nearby City garages; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager shall report back to the Council on this in a timely manner.

O-11 Sept 14, 2020

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Walden Street has been identified by Cambridge residents as an area with motor vehicle speeding issues; and

WHEREAS: This is especially dangerous on the section where Walden Street curves between Raymond St and Richdale Ave, making it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians who may be attempting to cross the street, and on the section of Walden Street between Richdale Ave and Massachusetts Ave; and

WHEREAS: This potentially dangerous section of Walden Street is also near Raymond Park, which is a major neighborhood destination, including for children and families; and

WHEREAS: Multiple Cambridge residents have already been struck and killed by motor vehicles thus far in 2020; and

WHEREAS: The City has adopted Vision Zero, which seeks “to eliminate all traffic related fatalities and serious injuries” and strives for proactive action to prevent them before a crash occurs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to examine what traffic calming measures may be implemented for these sections of Walden Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager shall report back to the Council on this in a timely manner.

O-12 Sept 14, 2020

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the state legislature is considering H.4878, the COVID-19 Housing Stability Act; and

WHEREAS: H.4878 would guarantee housing stability for renters and homeowners during the COVID-19 pandemic by banning evictions for unpaid rent as well as foreclosures for missed mortgage payments through the duration of the State of Emergency and for a full year after it ends; and

WHEREAS: H.4878 would provide “just cause” protections to ensure renters and foreclosed homeowners cannot be evicted for no-fault or non-renewal of leases through the end of the State of Emergency and for a full year after it ends, and would provide a local option for municipalities to extend these protections upon expiration; and

WHEREAS: H.4878 would expand mortgage detriment protections to landlords who own up to 15 rental units to ensure interest does not accrue during the forbearance, putting missed payments at the end of the loan, and it would also ensure borrowers cannot be charged penalties for non-payment of mortgage; and

WHEREAS: H.4878 would freeze rents at pre-COVID-19 levels, ensuring the rent amount from March 10, 2020 would remain in effect through 12 months following the end of the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS: H.4878 would establish a COVID-19 Housing Stability and Recovery Fund to assist property owners who lost rental income or missed mortgage payments due to COVID19, with priority given to low- and middle-class homeowners, elderly, owner-occupant, and non-profit landlords, and landlords who own 15 or fewer units; and

WHEREAS: H.4878 would obligate property owners who choose to draw upon the fund to extend protections to their tenants, and it would also establish an Oversight and Advisory Board to make recommendations on the equitable administration of the Housing Stability and Recovery Fund, to include members of the Legislature’s coronavirus working groups as well as strong representation of people from communities hardest hit by the pandemic and housing crisis; and

WHEREAS: Every single member of Cambridge’s legislative delegation has signed on as a cosponsor of H.4878; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in strong support of H.4878, and in urging the legislature to pass it immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to each chair of the Joint Committee on Housing and Governor Baker on behalf of the entire City Council.