

RECONSIDERATION

1. Councillor Devereux filed Reconsideration of the vote taken at the City Council meeting of Sept 11 on Applications and Petitions #2 requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 110 Fawcett Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, effective Sept 18, 2017: Karin Lin, Elena Chopyak and Nick Lopez Cortes
2. 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. An application was received from Meredith Moore and Abe Gurjal, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 16 Alpine Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor, the City Assessor and the Community Development Department to prepare a Municipal Transfer Fee Ordinance and, if required, an appropriate Home Rule Petition, to implement a municipal transfer fee on sale of all residential, commercial and institutional properties where the buyer pays 1% of purchase price on any amount in excess of \$2.5 million and an additional 4% of the purchase price on any amount more than \$5 million.
3. City Council support of H.3512 in the Massachusetts Legislature, allowing Massachusetts to obtain a fee on large real estate transactions that will be put towards affordable housing endeavors.

ON THE TABLE

4. 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.]
5. 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.]
6. 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.]

7. 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.]
8. 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.]
9. 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.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A Zoning Petition has been received from Joseph Maguire, SVP - Real Estate Development & Asset Services, Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., to amend certain provisions of Article 13.000 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the creation of Innovation Office Space in the PUD-3A and PUD-4C Zoning Districts.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding the street lights of Central Square.
2. A communication was received from Adam Glassman, I live at 2 Worthington Street Cambridge, regarding Cambridge Lighting Ordinance.
3. A communication was received from Fresh Pond Residents Alliance, regarding Cambridge Lighting Ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Erinn Pearson for her Essence Magazine mention. Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Jason Weeks for receiving the 2017 Maud Morgan Spirit Award. Councillor Devereux, Mayor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Summit Therapeutics for being awarded a \$62 million contract from US Department of Health and Human Services' Biomedical Advanced Research and Development to support development of Support development of ridinilazole for C. difficile infection. Councillor Cheung
4. Congratulations to Jonas Hansen on recently winning the gold medal at the Men's National Summer Fencing Championship in Salt Lake City, Utah. Councillor Cheung

5. Condolences to all who admired, all who were inspired by, and all who were impacted by the life and legacy of Edie Windsor. Mayor Simmons
6. Resolution on the death of Avelino Coehlo. Councillor Toomey
7. Congratulations to James and Jerry Ward on 25th Wedding Anniversary. Councillor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of Margaret “Peggy” Walsh. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of Cleo Stoughton. Councillor Devereux
10. Resolution on the death of Robert Wheeler. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
11. Congratulations to Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian for being honored for his exemplary work in reducing crime and incarceration rates by the Adolescent Consultation Services. Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Council go on record supporting a 3% annual increase in the Renewable Portfolio Standard for utility companies. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor McGovern
2. That the City Manager is requested to provide an update to the City Council on the status of the Light Cambridge Committee and anticipated next steps. Councillor Maher
3. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel and then report back to the City Council on the total amount of incentive contributions that have been received in the past two years, the number and types of incentive projects that have been built (or are in the process of being built), and when the City anticipates initiating a reevaluation of the housing contribution rate. Mayor Simmons
4. That the Co-Chairs of the Housing Committee are requested to schedule hearings to take up the attached proposed Comprehensive Housing Plan for review and consideration in the near future. Mayor Simmons
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director to the Election Commission and the Election Commissioners with the view in mind of adding a link to the Office of Campaign and Political Finance on the Election Commission website. Councillor Toomey
6. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Cambridge Police Commissioner to take the necessary steps to enforce the anti-idling state law in residential areas and to report back to the Council at the Sept 25 City Council meeting. Councillor Toomey
7. That the City Manager is requested to install additional bicycle corrals and other means of securing the bicycles of teachers, students, parents, and members of the public that visit the high school and library daily. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux
8. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a schedule for resubmitting a revised draft of the Outdoor Lighting Ordinance that incorporates clearer wording and/or more clearly explains each section in less technical jargon and is more coherent in its entirety, with the goal of seeing such an Ordinance adopted by the end of this

City Council term. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone

9. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Cambridge Police Department, Community Development Department, and Cambridge Health Alliance to provide clarification for the benefit of residents, visitors, and business owners on how the City views its obligations and constraints regarding marijuana enforcement and regulation. Councillor Kelley
10. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Office of Workforce Development and other appropriate City personnel to establish a comprehensive and robust skilled labor trades program, with a view toward increasing the number of Cambridge residents working in the skilled labor trades. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor McGovern
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of the Animal Commission to review its policies regarding urban wildlife management, to develop a plan that is responsive to the reintroduction of native animals to the urban ecosystem, and to provide guidance to residents unsure of how to mitigate the nuisance from certain species. Councillor Kelley
12. City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to review the Municipal Ordinance 8.28 entitled “Restrictions on Youth Access to Tobacco Products and On Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places” to determine whether this provision covers marijuana usage in tot lots and public parks. Councillor Toomey
13. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to establish an aggressive outreach program to all property owners, with a view towards purchasing any properties possible and converting these properties into affordable housing. Mayor Simmons
14. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Department of Public Works and the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to review the sidewalk and curbs at and near 8 Lambert Street, with a view towards lowering the curb so that seniors and those with mobility issues will have an easier time navigating on and off the sidewalk. Mayor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Mayor E. Denise Simmons and Vice Mayor Marc C. McGovern, Co-Chairs of the Housing Committee, for a public hearing held on May 16, 2017 to discuss tenant protections, anti-displacement policies, and Inclusionary Housing tenant selection policies; the Committee will also discuss any updates received from the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA), including a report on the issuance of CHA Choice Vouchers to public housing applicants.
2. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Nadeem Mazen, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee, for a public hearing held on July 26, 2017 to discuss the next steps for the Foundry Building including:

financing, community benefit, non-profit ecosystem, and community engagement.

3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Jan Devereux, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a public hearing held on Sept 6, 2017 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. Councillor Devereux stated that there is information in the report explaining how the City originally adopted the Net Zero Policy. It began with a citizen petition, and was later adopted by the City Council. The Community Development Department will be producing yearly progress reports to track movements on the way towards the ultimate Net Zero goal. This hearing is to discuss the first progress report.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a map of the curb cut for 110 Fawcett Street that the City Council requested.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

Wed, Sept 27

3:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss with universities seamless communication about appropriate preparations for University events that may have an impact on outside University campuses. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss the property tax rate classification. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 4

4:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive feedback on bike safety related issues, and to plan for future bike safety measures in the City of Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 5

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed zoning amendment on Beekeeping. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 10

10:00am The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss implementing a program that would provide instant notification via email to

individuals that their vehicle has been towed and the location of where the vehicle has been towed. (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 Roundtable/Working Meeting to receive an update on Envision Cambridge. No public comment. No votes will be taken. This meeting to be televised. (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 Sept 18, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: State law in Massachusetts requires that utility companies phase out fossil fuels and replace them with renewable energy sources, known as the Renewable Portfolio Standard; and

WHEREAS: Currently, state law requires that utilities increase their rate of renewable energy sources by only 1% each year, at which rate 100% renewable energy will not be reached until approximately the year 2100; and

WHEREAS: Our climate is changing too rapidly to wait this long for sustainable change; and

WHEREAS: The Renewable Portfolio Standard promotes a diverse energy supply, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, helps to stabilize energy prices, and enhances regional clean energy job growth; and

WHEREAS: Mothers Out Front is supporting increasing the Renewable Portfolio Standard to 3% each year, which would require that utilities annually increase their use of renewables by 3%; and

WHEREAS: The Renewable Portfolio Standard will be discussed at a hearing of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy on Tues, Sept 19, 2017 at the State House; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record supporting a 3% annual increase in the Renewable Portfolio Standard for utility companies; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitable engrossed copy of this order to the Cambridge State delegation and the chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Sept 18, 2017

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: In 2016, pursuant to a City Council Order of Oct 19, 2015, The Light Cambridge Working Group recommended the formation of a City-appointed expert review panel known as the Light Cambridge Committee; and

WHEREAS: The City Council authorized the Light Cambridge Committee to promote appropriate architectural lighting of culturally or historically significant sites in the City; and

WHEREAS: The Light Cambridge Working Group also recommended that the most expeditious way to launch a Light Cambridge initiative, and demonstrate its value, would be to form a partnership of leading institutions, including the City, Harvard, and MIT to identify projects that could be completed in the short term; and

WHEREAS: These demonstration projects could be used as examples for private property owners and smaller local institutions - such as religious, educational, and charitable organizations - to lead the way in promoting good architectural lighting for important structures; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update to the City Council on the status of the Light Cambridge Committee and anticipated next steps.

O-3 Sept 18, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City's linkage contribution rate was raised to \$12.00 per square foot effective Sept 28, 2015, it currently sits at \$14.50 per square foot, and it is scheduled to be increased to \$15.50 per square foot on Sept 28, 2017; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine whether the linkage contribution rate will be in any way adjusted in November 2017 if there is an increase in the Consumer Price Index rate; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel and then report back to the City Council on the total amount of incentive contributions that have been received in the past two years, the number and types of incentive projects that have been built (or are in the process of being built), and when the City anticipates initiating a reevaluation of the housing contribution rate.

O-4 Sept 18, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In continuing to seek ways to adequately address the City's ongoing affordable housing crisis, the City Council would be well-served to have a guiding set of principles to follow as it considers all future actions in this regard; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Co-Chairs of the Housing Committee be and hereby are requested to schedule hearings to take up the attached proposed Comprehensive Housing Plan for review and consideration in the near future.

O-5 Sept 18, 2017

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Executive Director to the Election Commission and the Election Commissioners with the view in mind of adding a link to the Office of Campaign and Political Finance on the Election Commission website.

O-6 Sept 18, 2017

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: There continues to be several instances of the CSX train line idling in residential areas;

WHEREAS: The train idling continues to be disruptive towards citizens and violates the state mandate that prohibits idling; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Cambridge Police Commissioner to take the necessary steps to enforce the anti-idling state law in residential areas and to report back to the Council at the Sept 25, 2017 City Council meeting.

O-7 Sept 18, 2017

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The City has responded to previous City Council orders asking for more bicycle parking on and around the grounds of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and the Cambridge Public Library; and

WHEREAS: Demand for those available corral spaces has increased as the popularity of bicycling among students has grown, along with the school's population; and

WHEREAS: The availability of bicycle parking must at the very least be responsive to current needs, and more appropriately anticipate future demand; now therefore be it ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to install additional bicycle corrals and other means of securing the bicycles of teachers, students, parents, and members of the public that visit the high school and library daily.

O-8 Sept 18, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Over the past three years, City staff from multiple departments, members of the Outdoor Lighting Task Force, and other community members have invested significant time and resources in drafting an Outdoor Lighting Ordinance to "permit an amount of outdoor lighting that is appropriate to allow for the safe use and enjoyment of outdoor areas, while also mitigating light trespass and glare to abutters and the public at large, reducing light pollution, and promoting energy conservation"; and

WHEREAS: A draft Outdoor Lighting Ordinance was heard this term by the Planning Board and the City Council's Ordinance Committee; and

WHEREAS: Both bodies were generally supportive, but returned the draft to the Community Development Department for further refinement especially in relation to rooftop and facade lighting; and

WHEREAS: Light pollution and excessive glare from outdoor lighting continue to be a significant nuisance to many residents, and are a known health risk and a waste of energy; and

WHEREAS: Without any regulations in place there is no protection for members of the public seeking relief from existing and new sources of light trespass and intrusion; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by September 25 with a schedule for resubmitting a revised draft of the Outdoor Lighting Ordinance that incorporates clearer wording and/or more clearly explains each section in less technical jargon and is more coherent in its entirety, with the goal of seeing such an Ordinance adopted by the end of this City Council term.

O-9 Sept 18, 2017

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Cambridge Police Department, Community Development Department, and Cambridge Health Alliance to provide clarification for the benefit of residents, visitors, and business owners on how the City views its obligations and constraints regarding marijuana enforcement and regulation.

O-10 Sept 18, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Office of Workforce Development and other appropriate City personnel to establish a comprehensive and robust skilled labor trades program, with a view toward increasing the number of Cambridge residents working in the skilled labor trades, and to report back to the City Council on the progress towards achieving this in a timely manner.

O-11 Sept 18, 2017

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Animals previously considered wildlife are finding new habitats in Cambridge's urban environments, a pattern experienced by cities around North America, and in some cases these cities are struggling with management of species that thrive in dense neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: Residents lack guidance on how to respond to some of the unique challenges these animals pose to urban life, and are unclear about what responsibilities the City has in management of certain populations and mitigating nuisances; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Animal Commission to review its policies regarding urban wildlife management, to develop a plan that is responsive to the reintroduction of native animals to the urban ecosystem, and to provide guidance to residents unsure of how to mitigate the nuisance from certain species.

O-12 Sept 18, 2017

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to review the Municipal Ordinance 8.28 entitled "Restrictions on Youth Access to Tobacco Products and on Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places" to determine whether the ordinance includes marijuana usage and, if not, to submit to the City Council a proposed amendment to the Municipal Ordinance that would include marijuana usage and prohibition of marijuana usage in tot lots and public parks; and be it further

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

O-13 Sept 18, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City is continually seeking ways to address the local affordable housing crisis, and one possible approach would be to reach out to property owners and inquire whether they would be willing, whenever they are ready to sell their homes, to give the City the right of first refusal so that the City can potentially convert these homes into affordable low and moderate income housing; and

WHEREAS: There are currently a number of senior citizens living in large family homes that are looking or will be looking to sell these homes, and these homes could potentially represent excellent opportunities for the City to create new units of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: If the City were to formally establish an aggressive outreach program to all property owners, this would enable the City to better learn about opportunities to acquire properties that could potentially be converted to affordable housing for low and moderate income families, and it could also protect against land speculators purchasing these homes and then converting them into luxury housing that is out of reach for many people in this community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to establish an aggressive outreach program to all property owners, with a view towards purchasing any properties possible and converting these properties into affordable housing; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on progress made toward establishing this program in a timely manner.

O-14 Sept 18, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Public Works and the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to review the sidewalk and curbs at and near 8 Lambert Street, with a view towards lowering the curb so that seniors and those with mobility issues will have an easier time navigating on and off the sidewalk, and that the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.