

RECONSIDERATION LIST

1. That the city council extend the current contract with city manager Louis DePasquale for a period of 18 months.

O-1 Sept 14, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the city council extend the current contract with city manager Louis 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.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Fair Housing Assistance Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$25,784 to the Grant Fund Human Rights Salary and Wages Account (\$25,034) and the Grant Fund Human Rights Travel and Training Account (\$750) which will cover a portion of the salary of an Attorney-Investigator, who works on cases from the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP).
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a recommendation in accordance with the requirement of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services; the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and the Department of Children and Families for reimbursement under the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act through Title IV-E of the Social Security Act for a portion of the cost associated with transporting children in foster care to and from their school of origin.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees: 3-year term, Ben Echavarria.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Surveillance Technology Impact Report describing a Wet-Vacuum Forensic DNA Collection System, requested by the Police Department.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a summary report of all requests for approval of Surveillance Technology Impact Reports.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY MAYOR SIDDIQUI IN COUNCIL SEPT 14, 2020]
2. 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. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS IN COUNCIL SEPT 14, 2020]

ON THE TABLE

3. 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]
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]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. 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]
6. That the "2020 Cycling Safety Ordinance" be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for discussion and recommendation. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL SEPT 14, 2020. TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER OCT 5, 2020]
7. 100% Affordable Housing Overlay Zoning Petition 2020. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL SEPT 14, 2020. TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER OCT 5, 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. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Cambridge Redevelopment Authority regarding a Zoning Ordinance to reflect the proposed changes to the KSURP.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Adonica Camp, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.

2. A communication was received from Tara R. Greco, regarding City Manager's contract.
3. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding Local Systematic Racism.
4. A communication was received from Joe Maranzano, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.
5. A communication was received from Grace Wang, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.
6. A communication was received from Steven Hopengarten, 5 Adams Terrace, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.
7. A communication was received from Sarah Foster, 351 Pearl Street, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.
8. A communication was received from Belinda Watt, 79 Dana Street, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.
9. A communication was received from Rachel Quednau, 136 Richdale Avenue, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.
10. A communication was received from Jae Storozum, 16 Whittier Street, regarding streets surrounding Harvard Square.
11. A communication was received from Sonia Kowal, 59 Market Street, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.
12. A communication was received from Date Deshmukh Towerly, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.
13. A communication was received from Marilee Meyer, 10 Dana Street, regarding AHO Second reading.
14. A communication was received from Cheyenne McCarter, regarding AHO.
15. A communication was received from Jenny Netzer, 57 Crescent Street, regarding support for the Affordable Housing Overlay.
16. A communication was received from Eric Silva, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.
17. A communication was received from Gilberte Houbart, regarding AHO follow up.
18. A communication was received from Martha Merson, regarding Protected Bike Lanes.
19. A communication was received from Shira Schindel, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.
20. A communication was received from Bridget Copes, regarding relief funding for the Arts.
21. A communication was received from Robert La Tremouille, regarding CMA #24.
22. A communication was received from Ilan Levy, regarding the dangerous, unsightly new gas connections installed up and down the sidewalks on Fifth Street.
23. A communication was received from Kurt Roth, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of James Wilbur. Councillor Nolan

2. Resolution on the death of Nancy Ciarlone. Councillor Toomey
3. Resolution on the death of James Patrick Cassidy, Sr. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Jeffrey Gardner. Councillor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Chief Justice Ralph Gants. Mayor Siddiqui
6. Resolution on the death of Darryl Willis. Councillor Zondervan

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department on the implementation of traffic calming measures on Concord Ave between Huron Ave and Garden Street. Councillor Nolan
2. Support for Extended Outdoor Dining PO. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Nolan
3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Claude Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer, as to the feasibility of creating such a program and report back to the City Council on this matter by Oct 12, 2020. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern
4. That the City Council stand in solidarity with the SECSE workers striking at Good Vibrations. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
5. That the City Council support RISE and their crucial campaigns for racial, economic, and social justice at MIT. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Mallon
6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify all tenants of abutting properties whenever property owners are notified, addressing them by name if known or as "RESIDENT" if not. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan
7. That the City Council go on record in support for requiring large sources of stormwater pollution to obtain permits under the Clean Water Act. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the Regular School Committee Meeting.
2. A communication was received from Councillor Nolan, transmitting a memorandum on Filing for Reconsideration.
3. A communication was received from Anthony I. Wilson, City Clerk, transmitting a communication from the City

Solicitor with a redlined corrected version and a clean corrected version of the proposed contract that was before the City Council at its meeting of Mon, Sept 14, 2020.

4. A communication was received from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting policy briefs on natural gas by Jessica Wright, BU URBAN Graduate Student.
5. A communication was received from Vice Mayor Mallon, transmitting a memorandum regarding COVID Testing Return to Campus.

HEARING SCHEDULE (all meetings remote)

Mon, Sept 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Sept 23

5:30pm The Cambridge City Council will meet in special session to discuss a charter review with representatives of the Collins Center. (Sullivan Chamber)

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)

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 21, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: The section of Concord Ave from Huron Ave to Garden Street is a dangerous streetscape that has seen multiple cyclists and pedestrians struck by vehicles over the last few years; and

WHEREAS: Cars regularly speed down the hill on Concord Ave, surpassing the 25 MPH limit, with no traffic calming mechanisms in place; and

WHEREAS: Efforts to increase safety, for example, an orange pedestrian cone in the center of the Parker Street crosswalk that is often knocked over, have not solved the concerns of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: With a few, simple changes, the street could be safer and easier for pedestrians to cross and cyclists to use; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department on the implementation of traffic calming measures on Concord Ave between Huron Ave and Garden Street; and be it further

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

O-2 Sept 21, 2020

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: On Sept 10th, 2020, [Governor Charlie Baker announced he would sign an executive order](#) allowing municipalities to extend the outdoor dining permitting season past its original expiration date of November 1st to support struggling restaurants as the weather turns cooler; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recently announced it will be extending the outdoor dining season even beyond the Governor's executive order, provided restaurants can safely operate and provide snow removal when necessary; and

WHEREAS: As residents may feel apprehensive about indoor restaurant dining, and as third party food delivery service fees present a significant financial burden for restaurants, encouraging outdoor dining and easing permitting barriers is a crucial way the City can support local small businesses; and

WHEREAS: Restaurants will need access to propane heaters in order to attract outdoor diners as we enter into the colder fall and winter months; and

WHEREAS: The successful [2018 Patio Heater Pilot Program in Harvard Square](#), which allows restaurants to use portable propane heaters outdoors after obtaining the required permits, was positively received by both the local business community and by the Fire Department, and was later expanded to include all Cambridge businesses; and

WHEREAS: To truly support struggling small businesses, the City should remove permit fees for propane heater applications as they have done in [Boston](#), as well as create an expedited propane heater permitting process, similar to the expedited permitting process it previously offered to local restaurants hoping to create or expand outdoor dining space; and

WHEREAS: Supplying propane heaters to restaurants free of charge, and providing a centralized location for them to pick up, refill, or drop off empty propane tanks would help uplift small businesses that are struggling financially, and protect the vitality of our Main Street economy; and

WHEREAS: As this year's outdoor dining season has been extended, and as outdoor dining will likely be a popular option next spring since [COVID-19 vaccines are not expected to be widely available until mid-2021](#), the City must develop clear public health guidelines for outdoor dining to both protect restaurant workers, and ensure diners feel safe when supporting local businesses; and

WHEREAS: Expediting permitting, reducing financial barriers, and providing clear outdoor dining public health guidelines for restaurants aligns with [the Envision Cambridge goal](#) of “[ensuring] local businesses of different types, sizes, and growth stages are able to start, grow, and remain in Cambridge”; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the License Commission, the Fire Department, the Small Business Advisory Committee, and the local neighborhood business associations to determine the feasibility of creating a free and expedited permitting process to all restaurants to use outdoor heat lamps; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Fire Department, the Small Business Advisory Committee, and the local neighborhood business associations to determine the feasibility of purchasing propane heaters to loan to local restaurants, and of storing propane tanks at DPW headquarters at 147 Hampshire Street or another City owned location; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Public Health Department, the Small Business Advisory Committee, and the local neighborhood business associations to develop outdoor dining public health guidelines; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter by the Oct 5th, 2020 regular City Council meeting.

O-3 Sept 21, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has employed several strategies to reduce the spread of COVID-19 through increased testing, contact tracing and mask and social distancing practices; and

WHEREAS: Due to these strategies, Cambridge’s COVID-19 positivity rate has dropped from its peak of a 36.7 cases per day on a seven-day moving average in April, to now a 4.4 cases per day on seven-day moving average in September; and

WHEREAS: One strategy to understand the impact of COVID-19 in our community more comprehensively is to capture the prevalence of antibodies in Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: Serology testing is the test that looks for proteins in the blood called antibodies, which are produced in response to the presence of the virus, and the presence of these proteins indicate that someone’s had the virus in the past; and

WHEREAS: Serology testing is one part of a strategic, holistic approach to measuring the impact of COVID-19 in Cambridge, and is critical to inform our efforts to prevent the spread of the virus, as antibodies might also help us fight infections in the future; and

WHEREAS: As we move forward through the next phases of the COVID-19 pandemic, it would be prudent to collect antibody information to thoroughly understand what the virus is doing in our community in order to get ahead and control it; and

WHEREAS: Cities like Houston, Texas and Providence, Rhode Island, have launched an Antibody Testing Program to conduct random surveys and testing of individuals in their community; and

WHEREAS: To date, Houston’s Public Health Department and Fire Department have randomly sampled 420 homes across 60 census block groups with high and low COVID-19 positivity rates; and

WHEREAS: The levels of antibodies can decrease over time, so antibody testing in multiple rounds is critical to collect the most accurate data; and

WHEREAS: Antibody testing programs can become costly, and similar antibody testing programs have received financial assistance from the CDC to carry out the labor and testing costs associated with this important data collection; and

WHEREAS: As we enter the winter months, battling both influenza and COVID-19, antibody testing for COVID-19 would be pertinent information to use as we assess our City’s strategies against COVID-19 moving forward; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Claude Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer, as to the feasibility of creating such a program and report back to the City Council on this matter by Oct 12, 2020.

O-4 Sept 21, 2020

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: Workers at the Cambridge and Brookline locations of the sex-positive retail chain, Good Vibrations, went on strike in mid-August over COVID working safety conditions, higher wages, poor management practices, and union recognition; and

WHEREAS: Under the banner of SECSE (Solidarity with East Coast Sex Educators), these workers have garnered [over 1,500 signatures](#) in support of their campaign from community members, raised money for a strike fund, and have been picketing at the Good Vibrations Brookline location; and

WHEREAS: Among other points, SECSE is demanding safer COVID precautions on the shop floor, better communication from management regarding employment and company finances, an expanded Human Resources department, raised wages adjusted to cost of living, and recognition of the group’s affiliation with the union for the chain’s parent company; and

WHEREAS: Management has not conceded any of SECSE’s demands so far, and the workers remain on strike; and

WHEREAS: While the Cambridge Good Vibrations location has been closed so far during the pandemic, it is planning on re-opening as soon as early October; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record standing in solidarity with the SECSE workers striking at the Cambridge and Brookline Good Vibrations locations, and supporting them, their demands, and their campaign for union recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council urges Good Vibrations management to recognize the SECSE workers’ unionization, and bargain with them in good faith to meet their demands, which are even more critical during the public health crisis of which their retail employees are working on the front lines; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to SECSE workers in Cambridge.

O-5 Sept 21, 2020

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: Reject Injustice through Student Empowerment (RISE) is a coalition of three MIT student groups—Graduate Students for a Healthy MIT (G4HMIT), the Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA), and the Graduate Student Council Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee (GSC DEI) formed to fight sexism, racism and other forms of injustice; and

WHEREAS: RISE has a [platform](#) of four demands, each with concrete goals for implementation; and

WHEREAS: The RISE platform demands that the university reform its graduate admissions and faculty hiring to promote under-represented minority students and faculty, increase anti-oppressive education, reform its policies for preventing and responding to faculty misconduct, and advance funding equity by guaranteeing 12-month funding for PhD programs and guaranteeing a minimum annual cost-of-living adjustment for graduate stipends; and

WHEREAS: In response to the recent Black Lives Matter protests in the wake of the murder of George Floyd, RISE won several racial justice commitments from MIT after submitting a 5,000-signature petition demanding Black student representation on the school's Institute-Wide Strategic Plan committee, more accountability and transparency for MIT Police Department (MITPD) activities, and an external investigation into alternatives to policing at MIT; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of RISE and their crucial campaigns for racial, economic, and social justice, including their four demands and their Support Black Lives petition; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council urges MIT to work collaboratively and openly with RISE and its affiliated student groups in ushering in needed reforms to align the university more closely to its goals for equity and inclusion; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to RISE and members of the MIT administration including President Reif, Provost Schmidt, Chancellor Barnhart, Associate Provost Jamison, and ICEO Dozier.

O-6 Sept 21, 2020

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: Abutting tenants are not currently notified of proceedings at various city boards, commissions, and advisory committees, including (but not limited to) the Planning Board, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Historical Commission; and

WHEREAS: Abutting tenants would greatly benefit from having such notice whenever it is given to property owners; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify all tenants of abutting properties whenever property owners are notified, addressing them by name if known or as "RESIDENT" if not.

O-7 Sept 21, 2020

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Charles River is an invaluable regional asset providing a host of benefits to the City of Cambridge and those who live and work here, including recreational opportunities, tourism, ecological benefits, and increased climate resilience; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge residents enjoy a multitude of recreational opportunities on and along the Charles River, including rowing, boating, swimming, fishing, walking, biking, and running. To be able to engage in all of these activities, Cambridge residents rely on the Charles River being clean and safe; and

WHEREAS: These uses and benefits are possible today because significant resources have been invested over decades in restoring water quality in the Charles River. As climate change brings more extreme heat to our region, the benefits provided by the Charles River will only become more critical; and

WHEREAS: Stormwater runoff, which carries phosphorus pollution, is the most significant threat to the health of the Charles River today. Phosphorus carried by stormwater into the Charles River degrades water quality and causes blooms of cyanobacteria, or blue-green algae; and

WHEREAS: Cyanobacteria blooms are known to cause health effects including skin rashes, fever-like symptoms, respiratory or gastrointestinal distress, and in extreme cases, paralysis leading to death; and

WHEREAS: Data indicate that cyanobacteria blooms are worsening each year and that the duration of the blooms is increasing, which [threatens safe recreation and public health](#) along all 80 miles of the Charles River, including the Cambridge section of the river. In 2020, the Lower Basin, which is adjacent to Cambridge, has had a public health advisory in place since June 24; and

WHEREAS: Currently-unregulated commercial, industrial, and large multi-unit developments, which make up only 20% of the land area in the Charles River watershed, contribute 50% of the stormwater pollution entering the Charles River. The ecological health of the Charles River cannot be fully restored unless these pollution sources are regulated under the Clean Water Act. Requiring large stormwater pollution sources to obtain permits under the Clean Water Act would also support the significant investments being made by municipalities to reduce stormwater runoff and phosphorus pollution; and

WHEREAS: In 2019, Charles River Watershed Association and Conservation Law Foundation petitioned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate large properties polluting the Charles River with stormwater runoff under the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS: [EPA has indicated](#) that it would like to engage with key stakeholders and explore the development of a workable and practical permitting approach, and has solicited feedback from relevant parties, including affected municipalities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of requiring large sources of stormwater pollution in the Charles River watershed to obtain permits under the Clean Water Act in order to reduce phosphorus pollution and protect the health of the Charles River and those who use it.