

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of 2016 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funding for \$500,000 received pursuant to the MOA between the City of Boston and the City of Cambridge, under the Communications Interoperability Goal Area, to the Public Investment Emergency Communications Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$500,000) which will be used to support the City of Cambridge's radio equipment relocation project involving the installation of new microwave links due to the upcoming loss of the Cambridge Courthouse as a regional radio site.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to new and reappointed members of the Climate Protection Act Committee for a term of three years effective Sept 24, 2018: John Ullman, Emily Flynn Pesquera, Olga Faktorovich Allen, Roaslie Anders, Melissa Chan, Thomas Chase, Peter Crawley, Keith Giamportone Brain Goldberg, Jerrlyn Huckabee, Johanna Jobin, Ted Live, Lauren Miller, Paula Phipps, David Rabkin, Karen Schlomy and William Zamparelli
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointments of the following persons as a members of the Fresh Pond Advisory Committee for a term of three years to expire May 31, 2021: Janet Burns, Claudia Thompson and Susan Agger.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the new appointments of the following persons as a members of the Public Planting Committee for a term of two years effective Sept 24, 2018: Seanna Berry, Nancy Jordalen, Sayem Khan, Joan Krizack and Ann MacAdam.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-29, regarding a report on reevaluating the fees associated with community block parties, specifically entertainment fees for unpaid, local musicians.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-80, regarding Sherman Street Quiet Zone.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-30 regarding a report on the possibility of Cambridge joining the national suit against opioid manufactures and distributors.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-82, regarding purchasing buildings being sold by the Episcopal Divinity School. [Manager's Agenda #7 of Sept 17, 2018]

2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department to establish a Senior Living Overlay District at the current site of Sancta Maria Nursing Facility to encourage and incentivize redevelopment specifically for continuum of care services. [Order #1 of Sept 17, 2018]
3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City personnel to explore the feasibility of establishing a crosswalk at the intersection of Soden Street and Western Avenue. [Order #2 of Sept 17, 2018]
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Office of the Mayor, representatives of Harvard University, and any other parties that the City Manager deems necessary in order to draft a plan that shall allow the Mayor's Annual Harvard Senior Luncheon to be held regardless of the weather conditions. [Order #5 of Sept 17, 2018]
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments and relevant housing partners to aggressively attempt to obtain, or help others obtain, the Santa Maria property for purposes of affordable housing. [Order #3 of Sept 17, 2018]
6. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Police Commissioner to increase enforcement of the Bike Lane Bill to keep our bicycle infrastructure free and unobstructed. [Order #4 of Sept 17, 2018]
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the tax status, zoning history, and sale of The Constellation Center's Parcel C in Kendall Square. [Order #7 of Sept 17, 2018]
8. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department and other City departments to consider working with consultants and other available resources to help incorporate data access and management concerns into discussions, permits and licenses for new mobility platforms. [Order #8 of Sept 17, 2018]
9. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to provide an explanation for the change in parking regulations which does not allow for property owners to park in front of their own driveways. [Order #9 of Sept 17, 2018]
10. That the City Manager is requested to report to the City Council with an explanation of how the City views internet-based platforms as opportunities for outreach and communication and what sort of guidelines have been, or are being, developed to help everyone understand how the City's various departments do or do not utilize these communication resources and how any communications on these platforms are managed so that the messaging and information is kept up-to-date. [Order #10 of Sept 17, 2018]

11. That the City Manager is requested to televise the Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee hearing on Sept 20, 2018. [Order #11 of Sept 17, 2018]

12. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Economic Development Division to regularly update the vacant property database as well as review the strategies presented in the Storefront Vacancies Best Practices Report and report back on the feasibility of implementing these recommendations. [Order #12 of Sept 17, 2018]

13. That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee conduct a hearing to discuss the increase enforcement of the dog leash ordinance, the possibility of an awareness campaign about the importance of following the law, the possibility of creating an opt-in liability insurance program for dog owners, and an update on staffing levels at the Animal Control Department. [Order #15 of Sept 17, 2018]

14. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Craig A. Kelley, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on July 23, 2018 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 10.17 entitled "Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance" in section 10.17.070 entitled "Fees for Residential Parking Stickers." [Committee Report #6 of Sept 17, 2018]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to proposed amendments to the following ordinance: and proposed amendments to Chapter 14.04 of the Cambridge Municipal Code (the "Fair Housing Ordinance"). Fair Housing (passed to a 2nd reading) Awaiting Home Rule Legislation - before proposal can be ordained.

16. That the proposed Municipal Code entitled "Street Performers" in Section 12.16.170 as amended on June 25, 2018 by Policy Order #15 be placed on Unfinished Business awaiting revised ordinance language from the City Solicitor after consultation with the Arts Council based on the recommendations in the Committee Report dated June 25, 2018.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Lena Kalachian, requesting permission for replacement of the facing of the projecting sign at the premises numbered 585 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

2. An application was received from Margaret Ranstrom, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 73 Aberdeen Avenue; said petition has received

approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association with approval.

3. A petition was received from Charles Teague, regarding Saving Linear Park.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Marjorie Freedman, Green Street, regarding support for Bike lane enforcement.

2. A communication was received from Marie Saccoccio, regarding Inman Square redesign area calculations.

3. A communication was received from Robert Travers, 54 Fulkerson Street, regarding Community Preservation Act Committee.

4. A communication was received from Joshua Hartshorne, regarding support of increased enforcement of the Bike Lane Bill.

5. A communication was received from the Cambridge Bicycle Safety, regarding thanking the City Council for the Inman Square redesign.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Frank Arabia. Councillor Toomey

2. That the City Council go on record welcoming Dr. James Barrett to his new role as Director of Clinical Services and wishing him success in this important job. Councillor Mallon

3. Congratulations to the State Representative Jay Livingstone and his family on the birth of Harry Dean Livingstone. Councillor Zondervan

4. Congratulations to Eric Gastfriend and DyanmiCare Health on being selected as one of twelve PhaseTwo Prize Recipients in the Ohio Opioid Technology Challenge on Sept 12, 2018. Councillor Siddiqui

5. Resolution on the death of Brian Dowley. Mayor McGovern

ORDERS

1. That the City Council go on record declaring Oct 5, 2018, as Energy Efficiency Day in Cambridge, in recognition of National Energy Awareness Month, as a means of highlighting the importance of achieving the goals set forth in the Net Zero Action Plan. Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan

2. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Executive Director of the Cambridge Human Rights Commission to investigate the potential for the creation and implementation of a survey or other feedback mechanism for individuals who have been in contact with the Human Rights Commission. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Mallon

3. That the City Manager is requested to take all possible immediate actions to preserve and restore Linear Park. Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Kelley
4. That the City Manager is requested to immediately freeze Feeney Brothers Utility Services from doing any future work in the City of Cambridge until the federal investigation has been completed. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone
5. City Council support of Freedom for All Massachusetts' Yes on 3, campaign to uphold the law protecting gender identity based forms of discrimination. Mayor McGovern, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councilor E. Denise Simmons, Chair and Councilor Sumbul Siddiqui of the Housing Committee for a public hearing held on June 12, 2018 to discuss the housing ombudsman position, receive a detailed update regarding the timeline and plan for the affordable housing overlay district, an update on the inclusionary housing report, and the map of all affordable housing in the city.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Sept 27

3:00pm The Health and Environmental Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss storm water management practices and get an update on how Cambridge will be impacted by the EPS's new MS4 permit which took effect on July 1, 2018 (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive an update from the Community Development Department on the Affordable Housing Overlay District, and an update on the annual Inclusionary Zoning report. The Housing Committee shall also meet the City Manager's candidate for the open Cambridge Housing Authority Board position (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm Tax Rate Hearing (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 2

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a petition filed by the City Council to amend Articles 2.000, 4.000, 6.000 and 11.000 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish provisions for Cannabis Uses. This Hearing is to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 3

4:00pm The Economic Development & University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing to further discuss a

City-based Cannabis Social Equity Program and Policy Order #10 from June 25, 2018 (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 9

1:00pm The Health and Environmental Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive an update on progress towards the Zero Waste goals and to discuss successes and challenges of the citywide composting and recycling programs to date. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 16

3:00pm The Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will meet to discuss CMA 2018 #196 and any other matter related to Jerry's Pond. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 22

5:30pm The City Council will conduct a Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss the Envision process This Meeting is to be televised (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 25

10:00 AM The Human Services and Veteran's Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Summer food program update. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 24, 2018

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Energy efficiency is the art of getting the same or better performance using less energy, all while cutting utility bills for residential, business, and industrial customers; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has adopted a goal of using 100% renewable energy in the city by 2035, and a goal of reducing

greenhouse gas emissions by 80% of 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has adopted the Net Zero Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings, which constitutes most of our emissions, to zero; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is a leader in assisting its residents and businesses in choosing measures that will lead to increased energy efficiency through the city's Cambridge Energy Alliance programs and increased renewable energy utilization through the Community Electricity Aggregation plan; and

WHEREAS: All Cambridge residents and small businesses on the Eversource basic service plan are eligible to enroll in the Standard Green option through the Cambridge Community Electricity Program, which introduces more renewable energy into the city's electric power supply, while lowering costs; and

WHEREAS: Residents and businesses can contribute further to our energy goals by opting-in to the city's 100% Green electricity program, using all renewable energy sources to power their homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS: In the first year community aggregation was offered (June 2017 - present), only a small percentage (approximately 2%) of eligible rate payers have made the switch to 100% Green, leaving ample room for improvement; and

WHEREAS: A nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated October 5th as the national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and

WHEREAS: Together, the residents of Cambridge can contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record declaring Oct 5, 2018, as Energy Efficiency Day in Cambridge, in recognition of National Energy Awareness Month, as a means of highlighting the importance of achieving the goals set forth in the Net Zero Action Plan; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the staff at the Community Development Department to redouble our outreach to residents asking them to consider enrolling in the 100% Green program; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the results of those efforts.

O-2 Sept 24, 2018
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: On Mon, Sept 17, 2018, the City Council heard a comment from a Cambridge resident in reference to City Manager Agenda Items #28 and #29, who requested an

opportunity be provided for residents to give feedback to the Cambridge Human Rights Commission; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Executive Director of the Cambridge Human Rights Commission to investigate the potential for the creation and implementation of a survey or other feedback mechanism for individuals who have been in contact with the Human Rights Commission; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter by November of 2018.

O-3 Sept 24, 2018
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Linear Park in North Cambridge is an award winning and cherished open space for people exercising, being outside with their children and dogs, or for commuting by bicycle or foot to nearby transit at Alewife and Davis Square; and

WHEREAS: The mature Linear Park trees, by way of both shade and transpirational cooling, protect all the people using the park from the increased heat from Climate Change that Cambridge already experiences and that the city's studies predict will only further increase; and

WHEREAS: Replacement trees take decades to achieve the cooling effects of mature trees and this process will likely be further slowed by Climate Change through more frequent and more intense droughts, dry spells and storms; and

WHEREAS: A key design element of Linear Park, the allées (lines of evenly spaced, identical trees), are in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS: At least 15 trees were cut down in the section of the park from Cedar Street to Harvey Street in November 2017, there are at least another 20 trees inside the park that are dead but haven't been removed yet, and another 20 trees that are in trouble, representing hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost value; and

WHEREAS: An irrigation system already exists at the Russell Field end of Linear Park, runs all the way to Cedar Street, and then past Trolley Square to the Somerville boundary line but is only functional in a few areas; and

WHEREAS: The current irrigation system maintenance city-wide contract is up for renewal, will no longer include the now artificial turf soccer fields, but already contains Trolley Square and Russell Field; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to take all possible immediate actions to preserve and restore Linear Park and report back to the City Council as soon as possible.

O-4 Sept 24, 2018
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The recent gas pipeline explosions in Lawrence, Andover, and North Andover impacted at least 50,000 customers, destroyed at least 80 homes, caused at least 70 fires, and resulted in at least 25 injuries as well as one tragic fatality; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey [recently wrote](#) an open letter to the gas distributor, Columbia Gas, which stated that the National Transportation Safety Board has determined that just before the incident, pressure in the gas pipelines had spiked to about 6 pounds per square inch (PSI), a twelve-fold increase over the 0.5 PSI that is considered safe and expected; and

WHEREAS: Feeney Brothers Utility Services [had been hired](#) by Columbia Gas to do work on pipelines in Lawrence in the days leading up to the incident, and one of their worksites is being heavily scrutinized as a part of the federal investigation, which could take as long as 24 months to complete; and

WHEREAS: Feeney Brothers Utility Services is also contracted by Eversource to do work in Cambridge, and the contractor has already demonstrated negligence on our streets including a summer 2018 incident where they mistakenly and severely damaged the root system of a 36 caliper-inch oak tree on Gore Street while excavating a trench for new pipeline service as part of the larger street reconstruction project, forcing the city to remove the tree in order to protect the safety of nearby residents; and

WHEREAS: Nobody was hurt in that instance thanks to the swift action of city employees, but in an official notice to residents, the city called the mistake “simply unacceptable” and “an egregious breach of the City’s permit requirements with Eversource”; and

WHEREAS: Organizations like HEET and Mothers Out Front [have mapped](#) and raised awareness about hundreds of unrepaired gas leaks in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Feeney Brothers has also been contracted by National Grid during the lockout of more than 1,200 United Steelworkers from USW 12012 and USW 12003, who have [collectively reported](#) nearly 100 safety complaints to the Department of Public Utilities regarding Feeney Brothers worksites since the lockout began; and

WHEREAS: We don’t know exactly what caused the tragedy in Merrimack Valley last week, but we cannot afford to take any chances with apparently negligent contractors working on our aging pipeline infrastructure; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to immediately freeze Feeney Brothers Utility Services from doing any future work in the City of Cambridge until the federal investigation has been completed; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide assurances to the City Council that all recent gas line work done by Feeney Brothers and other contractors is safe; and be it further

ORDERED: That this Policy Order be referred to the Health & Environment Committee for a hearing.

O-5 Sept 24, 2018
MAYOR MCGOVERN
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Cambridge has long been at the forefront in protecting against discrimination; the City Council first enacted protections against gender-based discrimination on Feb 24, 1999, when it passed the Human Rights Ordinance with unanimous support; and

WHEREAS: In 2016, the Massachusetts Public Accommodations Law was updated to protect against discrimination based on gender identity statewide; and

WHEREAS: The November 6, 2018, statewide ballot includes a question seeking to strip away the provision in the Massachusetts Public Accommodations Law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of gender identity in places of public accommodation; and

WHEREAS: Such “public accommodations” where protections for transgender and gender-nonconforming people would be withdrawn should this regressive, discriminatory ballot referendum succeed encompasses “any place, whether licensed or unlicensed, which is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public,” to include not only public restrooms, but also hotels, stores, restaurants, hospitals, banks, museums, public swimming pools, and homeless shelters; and

WHEREAS: Repeal of this law would be devastating for transgender and gender-nonconforming people across the Commonwealth, and would be antithetical to the core values our city proudly upholds and affirms; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record as standing in vigorous support of Freedom for All Massachusetts’ Yes on 3 campaign to uphold the law protecting gender identity based forms of discrimination; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Massachusetts Legislative Delegation and the Freedom for All (Yes on 3) campaign on behalf of the entire City Council.