

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the votes necessary to seek approval from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue of the tax rate for FY2018. [[Tax Rate Letter](#)]
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-69, regarding increasing police presence in and near Clement Morgan Park and increase the level of cleaning in the Park.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-29, regarding the installation of a hitting tunnel at Danehy Park.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-66, regarding [additional information requested on a Grand Junction Overlay District](#).
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt the MIT Volpe PUD-7 Zoning Petition with suggested changes. [[Letter](#)][[Revised Petition](#)][[Redlined Petition](#)]

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from CVS Pharmacy Minute Clinic, requesting permission for a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 6 JFK Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutter.

ON THE TABLE

2. 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.]
3. 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.]
4. 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.]
5. 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.]

6. 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.]
7. 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. An petition was received from MIT List Visual Arts Center requesting permission for a temporary banner across 20 Ames Street to promote their upcoming exhibition Heimo Zobernig: chess painting. The temporary banners will be hung from October to July 2018.
2. A Zoning Petition has been received from Peter Kroon, et al., transmitting a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that would amend the Harvard Square Overlay District.
3. An application was received from 730 Tavern Kitchen & Patio, requesting permission for 10 table and 30 chairs for coral seating in front of the premises numbered 730 Massachusetts Avenue.
4. An application was received from Coberville Coffee Roasters, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 100 Kirkland Street.
5. Communication was received from CVS Pharmacy Minute Clinic, 6 JFK Street, transmitting additional information relating to a previous application for a sign; said communication reflects changes to the window signs on page 4 and 5, the signs are the same but now are non-illuminated. See Calendar Item #1.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Two communications were received from Peter Valentine, regarding Initiation of Plaque to honor the "Seven Stars" book store and Massive development at Massachusetts Avenue, and Main Street.
2. A communication was received from Beverly A Thornton, Chair for the Board of Trustees of 1105 Massachusetts Avenue, regarding objections to the configuration of the bike lanes in front of the property.
3. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, Individually, and as Chair, Friends of the White Geese, regarding Sept 25, 2017 City Council Agenda Items 8, 13, and 15. Grand Junction and Magazine Destructive Nonsense and Reality.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Coach Steve McAuliffe and the players of the Ruby Reds softball team for winning the Cambridge Girls Softball League Minor League Championship. Councillor Maher

2. Happy Birthday wishes to Ms. Georgina Dottin. Mayor Simmons
3. Happy Birthday wishes to Polly Allen. Mayor Simmons
4. Happy Birthday wishes to Steven Tolman. Mayor Simmons
5. Happy Birthday wishes for Warren Tolman. Mayor Simmons
6. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Red T. Mitchell Jr. Mayor Simmons
7. Congratulations to CRLS teacher Kevin Dua for his extraordinary commitment to educating our young people, for having been named the 2017 Massachusetts History Teacher of the Year, and for being named as one of 10 finalists for the National History Teacher of the Year award by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Cheung
8. Happy Birthday wishes to Reverend Lorraine Thornhill. Mayor Simmons
9. Welcome wishes to Abide on the occasion of its new pop-up shop at 315 Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Cheung
10. Birthday Wishes for Anthony Petrucci. Mayor Simmons
11. Congratulations to the Central Square Business Association for a successful Dumpling Fest and Central Flea. Mayor Simmons
12. Congratulations on Bill Cavellini, Bernard LaCasse and the Cambridge Arts Council on a successful restoration of the "Beat the Belt" Mural. Mayor Simmons
13. Congratulations to Cultura Latina and the Citywide Senior Center on a Successful Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Vice Mayor Marc McGovern for a dedication in a suitable location in honor of the Ewing Family. Vice Mayor McGovern
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Mayor's Office, the Department of Human Service Programs, and any other relevant City department to determine the feasibility of hiring more students for the various youth employment programs in the city with the goal having them assisting city staff with their community engagement program. Councillor Cheung, Vice Mayor McGovern
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with appropriate City departments with the view in mind of implementing systems in Harvard Square. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine the feasibility of reducing the speed limit on Magazine Street, as well as other traffic calming measures. Mayor Simmons
5. That the City Manager is requested, in as timely manner as possible, to determine if Cambridge can legally assist DACA beneficiaries by collecting donations from individuals and organizations. Managing and dispersing such raised donations on a reimbursement basis to

Cambridge DACA beneficiaries. Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons

6. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments to determine the cost and feasibility of installing lighting at city dog parks to allow for greater use of these well utilized and popular parks during the darker months. Vice Mayor McGovern
7. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of the Community Development Department to prepare and submit a detailed report of the Sept 26, 2017 Inclusionary Housing Rental Program Resident Meeting at CRLS to the City Council in a timely manner. Mayor Simmons
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to create a volunteer bike registry program that can accept donations that will go to fund environmentally friendly projects in the City. Councillor Toomey
9. That the City Manager is requested to continue discussions with representatives of Harvard University in order to formulate a plan of action that will resolve the matter of defective windows in such a way that the cost is not placed upon the building's residents. Mayor Simmons
10. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of subsidizing the rate of the "100% Green" option in the Cambridge Community Electricity Program to ease any financial burden that residents who want to use entirely renewable energy may feel when purchasing, using existing income thresholds such as the Fuel Assistance Program. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor McGovern
11. That the City Manager is requested to work with the School Committee, the School Department, and any other relevant City departments to determine the most equitable fee structure that does not discourage local non-profits from utilizing renovated school facilities. Councillor Cheung, Councillor Kelley
12. That the Mayor be empowered to establish a Commission for Puerto Rico to help employ mechanisms for greater coordination of relief efforts between Cambridge, Coamo, Orocovis, Salinas, Jayuya, and the Greater Boston Area. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
13. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of the Department of Publics Works on repairing Rufo Road as soon as possible. Councillor Toomey
14. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an evaluation of the Huron Avenue sewer separation project. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Devereux
15. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to light City Hall up in pink for no less than one week in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Mayor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Leland Cheung, Co-Chairs of the

Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Sept 13, 2017 to continue discussion on a zoning petition by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to create a new Planned Unit Development Overlay District (PUD-7) over the area known as the Volpe National Transportation Center site in Kendall Square.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

Tues, Oct 3

2:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a third public hearing to continue discussion on a zoning petition by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to create a new Planned Unit Development Overlay District (PUD-7) over the area known as the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center site in Kendall Square; said discussion to include the Planning Board and Community Development's response to the petition and staff recommendations as to changes and remaining issues to resolve and any other matter that comes before the committee. This hearing to be televised. (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)
4:00pm 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)
6:30pm Joint Roundtable Meeting between the City Council and the School Committee to discuss Early Childhood Education. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 12

2:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a Zoning Petition by Christopher D. Smith, et al., to create a new Section 13.913 Graduate Student Housing Production Requirement. This would require new graduate housing be built in conjunction with the development of commercial uses in the proposed Planned Unit Development 7 District as well as a phasing plan to implement graduate housing development. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 18

5:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the City's recommendation on a surveillance ordinance broadly, and to evaluate a proposed

surveillance ordinance first submitted in November 2016, as well as decisions passed in other cities since the time. (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)

Wed, Nov 15

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a Zoning Petition by Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., to create a new Section 13.59.11 Floor Area Ratio and Gross Floor Area Exemption for Up to 10,000 SF of Innovation Office Space and would apply to the PUD-3A and PUD-4C Districts only. This hearing to be televised. (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 Oct 2, 2017

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Vice Mayor Marc McGovern for a dedication in a suitable location in honor of the Ewing Family; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for their review and approval.

O-2 Oct 2, 2017

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Throughout the year, the City of Cambridge hires students aged 14 and up to participate in youth employment programs such as the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program, the Fall Youth Employment Program, and the Neighborhood Service Program; and

WHEREAS: These programs have been successful at providing students with their first job experiences; and

WHEREAS: The implementation of the Brattle Street bike lines has sparked a conversation about how the City can better notify and engage with businesses and resident abutters when changes are being made to local traffic patterns; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Mayor's Office, the Department of Human Service Programs, and any other relevant City department to determine the feasibility of hiring more students for the various youth employment programs in the city with the goal having them assisting city staff with their community engagement programs; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely manner with the goal of implementing any changes at the beginning of the next youth employment program.

O-3 Oct 2, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The retail landscape is changing rapidly, consumer habits are changing, and commercial districts and the viability of local, regional, national, and international businesses in those districts are being greatly impacted as a result; and

WHEREAS: Harvard Square continues to be a thriving mixed use district that attracts between 8 and 10 million visitors each year and provides over \$30 million annually to the City in real estate tax revenues; and

WHEREAS: Nevertheless, Harvard Square is undeniably feeling the impact of the changing retail climate and businesses such as Uno's, Fire + Ice, American Apparel, City Sports, Eastern Mountain Sports, Tory Row, Hidden Sweets, Schoenhof's Foreign Books, Crazy Dough, wagamama, Boloco, Pinkberry, and others have been forced into vacating their spaces; and

WHEREAS: It has become clear that attempts to add regulations to control the types and sizes of retail businesses, at a time when experts in retail strategies are encouraging the easing of regulations that hinder the ability of "brick and mortar" businesses to be flexible and adaptive, is not a viable solution to this problem; and

WHEREAS: In recognition of the need to be proactive in facing the growing challenges to retailers, the Harvard Square Conservation District established guidelines in 2000 to serve as a helpful tool in guiding changes in Harvard Square, these guidelines were revisited in 2005, and in September 2017, the City Manager appointed the

Harvard Square Conservation District Committee to review these guidelines and determine if these need to again be adjusted; and
WHEREAS: It is hoped that any City plans to improve business conditions in Harvard Square will also factor in the need for greater, more intensive efforts to provide services to those who are homeless who gravitate toward this area; and

WHEREAS: It is also hoped that, as Harvard Square is an important multi-modal transportation center for Cambridge and Greater Boston, efforts will be made to improve the flow of traffic and tour buses, and to work to tackle the traffic congestion in this area; and

WHEREAS: In recognition of these needs and these goals, the Harvard Square Business Association – which has been promoting commerce since 1910 through being good stewards of the Square by caring for the public space, welcoming visitors from around the globe, advocating for public toilets and homeless shelters, creating seating areas and organizing events, printing wayfinding maps, providing for free public outside Wifi, and by purchasing and maintaining flowers, tables, chairs, and umbrellas – has recently forwarded a number of actionable items to the City Council that are intended to provide support to the unique Harvard Square ecosystem, and that shall serve to maintain and enhance the vibrancy for all denizens of Harvard Square; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City staff to work toward determining the feasibility of, and then implementing, the following actions:

- Lower the transportation speed limit within the Harvard Square Overlay District to 15 miles per hour for all vehicles, including bicycles
- Work with the HSBA to create a comprehensive plan to install more bicycle lanes throughout the entire HSQ Overlay district
- Assign three walking officers to Harvard Square at all times during the day, and request that the officers help with traffic at the Super Cross Walk
- Designate specific drop off and pick up locations for Uber, Lyft, and other TNC's (Transportation Network Companies)
- Allow for propane heating units in outside patios to encourage three season outdoor seating in Harvard Square
- Utilize the limited, but unique, outside spaces to create more plazas for public enjoyment
- Provide more tables, chairs, and umbrellas on those plazas
- Provide more trash receptacles, and replace all in those in poor condition
- Provide information to the City Council and identify additional services that can be taken to ensure that our homeless population is safer, warmer, and taken even better care of just ahead of the winter season
- Establish a plan for managing Tour Buses coming into the Square, including drop-off and pick up locations and parking, and continue to work closely with the MBTA and other stakeholders to improve transit service connections and improve on-time performance of transit vehicles serving the Square; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on progress made in these efforts in a timely manner.

O-4 Oct 2, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: A number of residents have voiced concerns about the frequency of vehicles speeding down Magazine Street, particularly between the cross streets of William and Fairmont Streets, creating a potentially dangerous situation to motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians in this area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine the feasibility of reducing the speed limit on Magazine Street, as well as other traffic calming measures, to reduce the incidents of

speeding along this street, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-5 Oct 2, 2017

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIMMONS

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

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

WHEREAS: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), was created by President Obama five years ago to protect children who due to no fault of their own were brought to the United States by their parents as unauthorized immigrants; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. government is not accepting new DACA applications and will stop accepting renewal applications on October 5th. Those currently enrolled in the program retain their benefits, which last for a total of two years; and

WHEREAS: DACA recipients, commonly referred to as, "Dreamers" of which approximately 7800 DACA beneficiaries live in the Cambridge/Boston area are required to pay a \$495 fee every two years often struggle to pay this fee; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has historically acted proactively to assist any and all immigrants in need of help; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Manager's office, in as timely manner as possible, determine if Cambridge can legally assist DACA beneficiaries by collecting donations from individuals and organizations, in addition to managing and dispersing such raised donations on a reimbursement basis to Cambridge DACA beneficiaries.

O-6 Oct 2, 2017

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Many of the dog parks in Cambridge close at "dusk"; and

WHEREAS: Dusk is a relative term, meaning different times depending on the season; and

WHEREAS: In the Fall and Winter dusk can come as early as 4:00pm; and

WHEREAS: Many dog owners still wish to utilize the dog parks in the evening hours, even though there is less light; and

WHEREAS: Other communities have installed lights with timers at their dog parks; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments to determine the cost and feasibility of installing lighting at city dog parks to allow for greater use of these well utilized and popular parks during the darker months and report back to the City Council with his findings.

O-7 Oct 2, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: On Sept 26, 2017, the Community Development Department (CDD) held an Inclusionary Housing Rental Program Resident Meeting at the Media Cafeteria at CRLS; and

WHEREAS: Meeting attendees were able to hear from CDD staff, as well as with representatives from the Cambridge Housing Authority, Cambridge Somerville and Legal Services, the Cambridge Health Alliance, and a number of other local service providers; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of the Community Development Department to prepare and submit a detailed report of this meeting to the City Council in a timely manner; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Co-Chairs of the Housing Committee are formally requested to schedule a Housing Committee hearing to discuss the contents of this report, as well as other issues pertaining to the Inclusionary Program.

O-8 Oct 2, 2017

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that residents feel it would be fair to create a bike registration policy in the City of Cambridge to keep better data of biking in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recently increased the resident permit fee and as part of that process, established a voluntary fund for residents to donate to that would help to fund environmentally friendly projects in the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to create a volunteer bike registry program that can accept donations to be added to above-mentioned fund and to report back to the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That this matter be referred to the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee meeting on Oct 10, 2017.

O-9 Oct 2, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Approximately a decade ago, the City of Cambridge partnered with Harvard University in the creation of affordable home ownership housing at 217-263 Putnam Avenue, and almost from the opening months that residents began moving into the building, it was discovered that the units have defective windows that are in need of repair and replacement far sooner than should have been the case; and

WHEREAS: Independent contractors have estimated that it will cost approximately \$1 million to repair and replace all the windows in this building, and as the building's residents played no role in choosing or installing these windows, they do not find it fair or reasonable to place the cost burdens of replacing the windows on them; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been in talks with Harvard University to determine what options may exist to replace the windows in this building so that the cost burdens are not placed upon the building's residents – many of whom do not have the means to pay for this necessary action, and none of whom are the parties that were responsible for ensuring that the windows were of sufficient quality when they were installed – yet unfortunately no resolution has been forthcoming; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to continue discussions with representatives of Harvard University in order to formulate a plan of action that will resolve this matter in such a way that the cost is not placed upon the building's residents, and that shall take place within a reasonable time frame, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-10 Oct 2, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Community Electricity program allows the City to negotiate a price for the Supplier Service portion of residents' Eversource electricity bill, saving residents money and offering cleaner-energy alternatives beginning in July 2017; and

WHEREAS: Residents were automatically enrolled, with an opt-out option, in the "Standard Green" program, that provides 25% more solar energy than is required by the state, and the energy is provided by companies in or near Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Residents could alternatively opt into the "100% Green" option at a slightly higher cost but which provides 100% renewable and New England-sourced energy; and

WHEREAS: The "Standard Green" option costs consumers 10.486 cents/kWh, while the "100% Green" option costs 12.180 cents/kWh, resulting in a difference of 1.694 cents/kWh; and

WHEREAS: The previous Eversource standard rate was 10.759 cents/kWh, so the "25% Green" option saves residents money, and

the cost differential for the “100% Green” option is only 1.421 cents/kWh over the prior standard rate; and
WHEREAS: The City Council recently asked for an update on how many people enrolled in each option; and
WHEREAS: The Council received a report on [Sept 11, 2017](#) which indicated that there were 37,747 enrollments in the “Standard Green” option, and only 507 enrollments in the “100% Green” option; and
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge strives to increase the use of renewable energy whenever possible, and should continue to promote easy access to renewable resources to residents; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of subsidizing the rate of the “100% Green” option in the Cambridge Community Electricity Program to ease any financial burden that residents who want to use entirely renewable energy may feel when purchasing, using existing income thresholds such as the Fuel Assistance Program; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments to continue outreach and education with the goal of increasing the number of residents who opt into the “100% Green” option; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on both of these matters in a timely manner.

O-11 Oct 2, 2017
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge Public School buildings provide a variety of community resources for after-school use, to include gym, cafeteria and auditorium space; and
WHEREAS: Use of this space by non-City and non-school entities is governed by a fee schedule that may have negative consequences in allowing non-profits and other low-budget organizations to afford access to these spaces; and
WHEREAS: It is the policy of the City Council to encourage all types of civic engagement that build community and create 21st century skills of all types; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the School Committee, the School Department, and any other relevant City departments to update the City Council on any fees related to after-school facility use; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the School Committee, the School Department, and any other relevant City departments to determine the most equitable fee structure that does not discourage local non-profits from utilizing renovated school facilities.

O-12 Oct 2, 2017
MAYOR SIMMONS
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: On Sept 7, 2017, Hurricane Irma caused major damage in Puerto Rico, leaving at least one million people without electricity and compromising the island’s emergency response systems; and
WHEREAS: Less than two weeks later, Puerto Rico was further devastated by a Category Four Hurricane Maria, creating what has been described as unprecedented apocalyptic-like devastations and a plunging the island into an unprecedented humanitarian crisis; and
WHEREAS: These natural disasters have crippled the public health and human services, transportation, education, security, and energy infrastructure and systems, leaving over 3.4 million Americans without consistent and reliable access to power, electricity, water, food, and essential lifesaving services; and

WHEREAS: Relief efforts to the island have been slowed down by failures in communications systems, emergency management services, and delays in the waiver of laws such as the highly contested Jones Act (Merchant Marine Act of 1920, 46, USC 883) which prohibited foreign ships from carrying cargo between the US mainland and the noncontiguous parts of the US, like Puerto Rico, and this has significantly delayed the ability to deliver oil, diesel, and other lifesaving goods to Puerto Rico and its people; and
WHEREAS: Over 3.4 million Americans – which is greater than the populations of 21 states in our Union – who are without Congressional representation, are now facing immediate risk of life; and
WHEREAS: The aftermath of the hurricanes must be understood within broader social-political histories and systems, including the current economic debt crisis, and that subsequent action to support relief efforts must honor the dignity of the Puerto Rican people and employ values of self-determination, solidarity, and long term sustainable development; and
WHEREAS: Massachusetts has the fifth largest population of Puerto Ricans in the continental US, which represents about 400,000 residents in our state, a Commonwealth that is internationally recognized as an epicenter for education, public health, science and technology, environmental protection, wealth management and financial services, as well in the arts and community development, and social services; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge is one of the state’s leading municipalities in all of the aforementioned areas, and is widely considered the home for the region’s most densely concentrated human capital base; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge has been a gateway community for Puerto Rican migrants since the 1940s, when Puerto Ricans first contributed to the development and strengthening of the local manufacturing industry and, over time, to all aspects of the rich social cultural fabric that make our city such a wonderful place to live; and
WHEREAS: The majority of Puerto Ricans with Cambridge roots are from the municipalities of Coamo, Orocovi, Salinas, and Jayuya; and
WHEREAS: Cantabrigians have consistently demonstrated a commitment to the pursuit of human dignity and rights both nationally and internationally; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Council seek to establish a Sister City partnership with the cities of Coamo, Orocovi, Salinas, and Jayuya in Puerto Rico to strategically increase opportunities and pathways for collaboration and aid to these municipalities that have such deep ties to our city; and be it further
ORDERED: That these partnerships be grounded in values of respect, mutuality, understanding, solidarity, and the self-determination of the people living in these communities; and be it further
ORDERED: That the Mayor be empowered to establish a Commission for Puerto Rico to help employ mechanisms for greater coordination of relief efforts between Cambridge, Coamo, Orocovi, Salinas, Jayuya, and the Greater Boston Area; and be it further
ORDERED: That the Commission for Puerto Rico establish mechanisms to formally invite officials of these municipalities to come to the City of Cambridge to formalize our collaborative efforts and coordinate relief efforts with our business community, universities, police and fire departments, School Department, and the Cambridge Health Alliance, among other essential organizations; and be it further
ORDERED: That the Commission for Puerto Rico develop ways to establish long term innovative projects that will help ensure that Puerto Rico recover in a sustainable manner by utilizing best practices consistent with our work in Cambridge, particularly with regard to Climate Change and Action; and be it further
ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council urge other Massachusetts municipalities, including Boston, Brockton,

Lawrence, Holyoke, Fitchburg, Framingham, Chelsea, Leominster, Worcester, Springfield, New Bedford, and Somerville, to adopt other municipalities in Puerto Rico in order to strategically focus and amplify relief efforts and resources; and be it further ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this Order to the Mayors of Coamo, Jayuya, Salinas, and Orocovis in Puerto Rico, and to the Mayors or City Managers of Boston, Brockton, Lawrence, Holyoke, Fitchburg, Framingham, Chelsea, Leominster, Worcester, Springfield, New Bedford, and Somerville on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-13 Oct 2, 2017

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of City Council that Rufo Road in East Cambridge is in need of repair; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of the Department of Publics Works on repairing Rufo Road as soon as possible and report back to the City Council.

O-14 Oct 2, 2017

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The Huron Avenue sewer separation project is nearing completion; and

WHEREAS: Despite the best efforts of city staff this project has been a tremendous burden to the residents, businesses, and visitors to this area; and

WHEREAS: This project had many unexpected hurdles that contributed to its taking longer than expected to complete; and

WHEREAS: Many neighbors and business owners are frustrated and deserve a formal explanation and review of this project; and

WHEREAS: The City is going to be undertaking similar projects in other neighborhoods; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an evaluation of this project, including what and why certain obstacles existed, what the city could have done differently, and what we can learn from this project as to not repeat it; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on any existing cost overruns, change orders, and how to prevent cost overruns and change orders as much as possible in future projects.

O-15 Oct 2, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the City of Cambridge continues to support and stand with all those whose lives have been touched by this terrible disease, all those who have lost a loved one to this disease, and all those who are working on curing this devastating disease; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record recognizing October 2017 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to light City Hall up in pink for no less than one week in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.