

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as new members of the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board, for a term of three years, effective Oct 7, 2019: Loring Brinckerhoff, Avril de Pagter, Mary Devlin, Jackie Jones and Daniel Stubbs
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation not to adopt the City Council zoning petition to amend Article 19.000 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding utility and infrastructure impacts of large development projects that require a Project Review Special Permit.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-101, regarding community outreach and participation of residents, especially low-income households, in Cambridge Energy Alliance (CEA) programs and services.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-42, regarding sidewalk markings for mobility devices.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-46, regarding whether the MBTA is in compliance with the amended Settlement Agreement in the District of Massachusetts case Daniels-Finegold et al. v. Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.
6. 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 FY2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the City Council vote to authorize the use of \$14,000,000 in Free Cash to reduce the FY20 tax rate.
2. That the City Council vote to authorize \$2,500,000 in overlay surplus/reserves to be used for reducing the FY20 tax rate.
3. That the City Council vote to authorize \$6,000,000 from the City Debt Stabilization Fund to be used as a revenue source to the General Fund Budget, which was included in the FY20 Adopted Budget.
4. That the City Council appropriate \$6,000,000 from Free Cash to the City Debt Stabilization Fund.
5. That the City Council classify property within the City of Cambridge into the five classes allowed for the purpose of allocating the property tax. It is further recommended that the City Council adopt a minimum residential factor of 58.7316%.
6. That the City Council approve the residential exemption factor of 30% for owner occupied homes, which should

result in a residential tax rate of \$5.75 upon final approval by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. In addition, based upon final approval by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue the commercial tax rate is anticipated to be \$12.68.

30% Residential Exemption

	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Value Exempted	\$338,983	\$375,800	\$411,316
Tax Savings	\$2,132	\$2,232	\$2,365

7. That the City Council vote to double the normal value of the statutory exemptions.
8. That the City Council vote to increase the FY19 exemption allowed under Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D from \$322 to \$333.
9. That the City Council vote to increase the FY19 asset limits allowed under Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E from \$63,760 to \$65,864.
10. That the City Council vote to increase the FY19 income and assets limits for elderly persons (age 65 or older). Income limits of \$26,364 to \$27,234 for those who are single and \$39,547 to \$40,852 for those who are married, asset limits of \$52,725 to \$54,465 for those who are single and \$72,498 to \$74,890 for those who are married, as allowed under MGL, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D.
11. That the City Council vote the income limit for deferral of real estate taxes by elderly persons (at least 65 years old) as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue for the purposes of MGL, Chapter 62, Section 6, subsection (k), for a single person who is not head of household (\$58,000) and for a married couple (\$88,000), as allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A. The reduction of the interest rate to 4% for deferred taxes, which was approved by the City Council previously, will continue.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Peter C. Johnson for a street sign dedication to Asa Brebner for his contributions to the community of Cambridge musicians.
2. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Vice Mayor Devereux for a street sign dedication near 360 Huron Avenue in honor of Fresh Pond Market and the Najarian family.
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the City Clerk's Office, the Public Information Office, and the Information Technology Department to identify a suitable location on the City website to house information regarding the Municipal Code and to track non-zoning legislation and amendments.
4. That the City Council requests that the City Manager to work with the appropriate City departments to determine if

ISD can be given the authority to issue citations for smoking in nonsmoking buildings and to report back to the City Council.

5. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to address the previously requested investigation of the possibility of entering into an agreement with TransCanada to obtain up to 100% renewable power for all municipal electricity needs.
6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate City departments to determine whether it would be possible to allow a permitted area for serving alcoholic beverages on Danehy Park property during special community-wide events.
7. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate departments to ensure that the redesign of the Harvard Square plaza and its coming renovation be used as an opportunity to further improve the safety of all crossings in the surrounding area.
8. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Department of Human Services and the Cambridge Public Library system to hire a social worker in the FY2021 budget for the Central Square Library branch.
9. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Peace Commission and Citizens' Commission on Civic Unity to ensure that the Meet Your Neighbor Day event is held at another time of year, in Spring or Summer, in order to eliminate any appearances of political conflict at Meet Your Neighbor Day events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. 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
11. 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
12. A Zoning Petition has been received from Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. et al proposing a Grand Junction Pathway Overlay District ORDINATION COMES ON OR AFTER OCT 7, 2019
13. Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Amorino Gelato JFK, LLC, requesting permission for a sandwich A-Frame sign in front of the premises numbered 50 JFK Street between Sept

6, 2019 thru Mar 31, 2020 with a start time of 11:00am and end time of 12:00am.

2. An application was received from &Pizza, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 3 Brattle Street with a start date of Dec 1, 2019 thru Mar 31, 2020 and a start time of 11:00am and an end time of 11:00pm.
3. An application was received from the Department of Community Development requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK at Mount Auburn Streets announcing Cambridge Energy Alliance on Oct 8, 2019 through Oct 31, 2019.
4. An application was received from MIT Visual Arts Center requesting permission for fifteen temporary banners on Ames Street, Memorial Drive to Main Street, announcing Alicja Kwade: In Between Glances on Oct 7, 2019 and removal date of Jan 31, 2019.
5. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Suzanne P. Blier regarding [Harvard Square Zoning Petition](#).

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Christopher Schmidt, regarding not using excess balances to lower the tax levy.
2. A communication was received from David J. de Chaves, regarding Housing Overlay.
3. A communication was received from Ben Teich, regarding 100% Affordable Housing Zoning Overlay.
4. A communication was received from Helen Fremont, regarding vote NO on Affordable Housing Zoning Overlay.
5. A communication was received from Ann Rodney, regarding vote NO on Affordable Housing Overlay.
6. A communication was received from Jay K. Rosengard, regarding Affordable Housing Zoning Overlay.
7. A communication was received from Sue Donaldson, 187 Harvey Street, regarding no gas on new construction.
8. A communication was received from Ruth Loetterie, 29 Cogswell Avenue, regarding support the band on fracking gas in new construction.
9. A communication was received from Frank Shaw, regarding Cannabis Business Ordinance.
10. A communication was received from Gregg Moree, 25 Fairfield Street, regarding State Senator Sal DiDomenico clear evidence of him going to Florida without permission.
11. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding fraudulent "Hearing Announcement on Memorial Drive Phase III".
12. A communication was received from Sara Kimmel, Franklin Street, regarding Affordable Housing Zoning Overlay.
13. A communication was received from Matt Wagers, 461 Windsor Street, regarding support for bike lanes.

14. A communication was received from Eric Bailey, regarding support for bike lanes.
15. A communication was received from Steven Nutter, AICP, regarding support for bike lanes.
16. A communication was received from Dave and Susan Read, regarding support for bike lanes.
17. A communication was received from Alex Epstein, 5 Windsor Street, regarding support for bike lanes.
18. A communication was received from Jonathan Shaw, 7 Ware Street, regarding support of bike lanes.
19. A communication was received from Michael Drake Alpert, regarding support of the bike lanes.
20. A communication was received from Vivek Sikri, Allston Street, regarding support of bike lanes.
21. A communication was received from Maria Jiang, regarding support of bike lanes.
22. A communication was received from Jana Pickard-Richardson, regarding support of bike lanes.
23. A communication was received from Nate Sharpe, 109 Inman Street, regarding support for bike lanes.
24. A communication was received from Trevor Taylor, regarding support for bike lanes.
25. A communication was received from Amber Clifton, regarding support for bike lanes.
26. A communication was received from Layla Hormozi, regarding support for bike lanes.
27. A communication was received from Cristina Luis, 114 Henry Street, regarding support for bike lanes.
28. A communication was received from Jake Lazarus, regarding support for bike lanes.
29. A communication was received from John Thompson, regarding support for bike lanes.
30. A communication was received from Eric Garnick, regarding support for bike lanes.
31. A communication was received from Olivia Viessmann, regarding support for bike lanes.
32. A communication was received from Walter Edstrom, regarding support for bike lanes.
33. A communication was received from Liz Henry, regarding support for bike lanes.
34. A communication was received from Luis Mejias, regarding support for bike lanes.
35. A communication was received from Thouis Jones, regarding support for bike lanes.
36. A communication was received from Alyssa, regarding support for bike lanes.
37. A communication was received from Jonathan Schwartz, regarding support for a yes vote for the proposal from Leggat McCall.

38. A communication was received from Robert Cesari, 54 Concord Avenue, regarding Welcoming Committee Ordinance.
39. A communication was received from Joseph T. Maguire, Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. regarding Amended Zoning Petition for Grand Junction Pathway Overlay District.
 - Alexandria requests that the City Council take no action on the second reading of the Amended Petition at its meeting on Mon, Oct 7, 2019;
 - Alexandria asks that the Amended Petition remain on the table without further action by the Council; and
 - Alexandria plans to refile the Amended Petition, which expires on Oct 9, 2019.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the Death of Eileen Murphy. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Lee Williams. Councillor Toomey
3. Resolution on the death of Anthony DiGiovanni Jr. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Laura Pini. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Edith “Sue” Thames. Councillor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Upward Spiral Studio on their 10th Anniversary. Vice Mayor Devereux
7. Happy 175th Anniversary to Old Cambridge Baptist Church. Councillor Simmons
8. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Barbara Brathwaite. Councillor Simmons
9. Resolution on the death of Lloyd Haynes, Jr. Councillor Simmons
10. Resolution on the death of Detective Stephen Edwards. Mayor McGovern
11. Resolution on the death of Maria Couto. Councillor Toomey
12. Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Polly Allen. Councillor Simmons
13. Happy Birthday wishes to Georgina Dottin. Councillor Simmons
14. Happy Birthday wishes to Henry Wortis. Councillor Simmons
15. Happy Birthday wishes to Rozann Kraus. Councillor Simmons
16. Resolution Recognizing Jennifer Fries for her Leadership of Cambridge School Volunteers. Councillor Siddiqui
17. Resolution on the death of Francis Fulkerson. Councillor Toomey
18. Resolution on the death of Michael Francis Hanlon. Councillor Toomey

19. Wishing Joe Rose a Happy Birthday. Councillor Simmons
20. Resolution on the death of Stephen Edwards Sr. Councillor Simmons
21. Congratulations to Richard and Sarah Graham on the opening of Richards in Inman Square. Councillor Toomey
22. Wishing Joseph A. Aiello a very Happy 40th Birthday. Councillor Toomey
23. Congratulations to Emmanuel “Manny” Lusardi on winning the Cambridge Housing Authority Art Contest. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Harvard Square Business Association and the Harvard Square Neighborhood Association to determine the feasibility of closing some portion of Harvard Square to vehicular traffic on a select number of days during the summer of 2020 to have open market-style events. Councillor Mallon, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui
2. Recognizing LGBTQ+ History Month. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Simmons
3. That the full City Council ask the City Solicitor to report back on the legal authority of the City to ban the use of natural gas in newly constructed buildings. Councillor Zondervan
4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Arts Council and the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Rindge School of Technical Arts, to determine the best re-use for the four honey locust logs from Inman Square to create public art for the community. Councillor Zondervan
5. That the City Manager have appropriate city staff review the proposed Welcoming Community Ordinance. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Mallon, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui
6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update to the City Council on the number of free MBTA passes issued to CRLS students in FY20 and to consider expanding the program to include qualifying Cambridge residents of high school age. Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern
7. Fuel pump warning labels. Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan
8. Public Utilities’ Planning and public meetings. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone
9. That the Cambridge City Council go on record stating its severe concern for the developments in Kashmir and

declaring its solidarity with the Kashmiri people, specifically Cambridge’s Kashmiri community, that they may soon again be in contact with their families, friends and loved ones. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone

10. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Electrical Department to ensure that City Hall is appropriately illuminated in honor of Indigenous Peoples Day and Hispanic Heritage Month on Fri, Oct 18, from the hours of 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mallon, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui
11. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to allocate more funds in the FY21 budget to Inspectional Services to help combat the city-wide rodent issue and report back on the feasibility of providing monetary compensation to homeowners who have had to self-finance traps and what funds could be allocated in the future to help homeowners buy traps. Councillor Toomey
12. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments and the Department of Conservation and Recreation to install NO TURN ON RED signs along Memorial Drive where it intersects with Cambridge-owned streets to improve the safety of heavily used pedestrian and non-vehicular, multimodal commuter routes along and across the Charles and increased enforcement by the Massachusetts State Police at these intersections. Mayor McGovern
13. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Budget Department, the Assessor’s Department and the Community Development Department to consider directing a portion of future PILOT funds into the Affordable Housing Trust starting in FY21. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan
14. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to allocate more funds in the FY21 budget for the small business improvement grants and to confer with the Massachusetts Attorney General’s office on whether other cities in Massachusetts have been facing similar issues with ADA compliance and what can be done to protect the small businesses. Councillor Toomey
15. That the City Council go on record in support of House Bill 3116, Senate Bill 2034, and the establishment of Governor Baker’s Low-speed Mobility Device Advisory Working Group as part of the Safe Driving Legislation, Senate Bill 7. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Siddiqui
16. Creating the Director of Arts and Culture Position. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Simmons
17. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Economic Development division of the Community

Development Department to retain a financial/economic analyst to conduct a confidential financial analysis of NED's pro forma to inform the council in confidence on the value of the proposed upzoning. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Devereux

18. That the City Manager is requested to seek permission from the Department of Conservation and Recreation to plant new trees in Magazine Beach Park in Spring 2020 with a special focus on the eastern end of the park and the grove area. Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mallon
19. 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. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Devereux
20. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Affordable Housing Trust on the matter of increasing funding to the City's HomeBridge program so that access to homeownership may be made available to a wider range of incomes, as the program intends. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Toomey
21. Proposed amendment to City Ordinance 1.12.040 regarding City Solicitor opinion on proposed ordinances. Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Siddiqui
22. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Fire Chief to report back providing information confirming that the temporary location of the Taylor Square Fire Station to the Alewife area continues to provide uninterrupted service to residents in the Taylor Square Fire Station area. Councillor Toomey

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A report from Vice Mayor Jan Devereux and Councillor Quinton Zondervan, Co-Chairs of the Health and Environment Committee for a public hearing held on Sept 25, 2019 regarding banning natural (fracked) gas infrastructure in Cambridge.
2. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Quinton Zondervan, Co-Chair and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee, for a public hearing held on Sept 17, 2019 to discuss the preserved Inman Square tree trunks and receive input from the public on possible future uses of the wood, which is a public resource.

3. A report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Craig A. Kelley, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Oct 2, 2019 at 3pm to discuss the Welcoming Community Ordinance.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 7

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))
- 6:30pm Tax Rate Hearing (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Tues, Oct 15

- 3:30pm The Transportation & Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue the review the Vision Zero Year One Report and information on upcoming Vision Zero projects for 2019/2020. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))
- 6:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will meet to receive an update and discuss airplane noise in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Wed, Oct 16

- 2:00pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to discuss Taxicab use of E-Hail. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Mon, Oct 21

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Tues, Oct 22

- 1:00pm The Public Safety Committee will meet to discuss amending the Surveillance Technology Ordinance Ban. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))
- 4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to discuss the proposed Demolition Delay Ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Wed, Oct 23

- 10:00am The Health and Environment Committee will meet to discuss the status of the next community-wide greenhouse gas inventory and annual reporting of same going forward. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))
- 5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to discuss the Zoning petition to create an Alewife Quadrangle Northwest Overlay District. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Mon, Oct 28

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Tues, Oct 29

- 5:30pm The Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss ways to ensure that the Cambridge Carnival will take place in 2020 and Beyond. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Wed, Oct 30

- 5:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss Inman Square safety and construction management. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Mon, Nov 4

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Tues, Nov 12

- 10:00am Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss claims against the City. The Committee will enter executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the City. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Wed, Nov 13

12:00pm Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will meet to discuss the following policy order: “That the City Manager is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to draft for discussion several ordinances to reduce or prohibit campaign donations from donors seeking to enter into a contract, seeking approval for a special permit or up-zoning, seeking to acquire real estate from the city, or seeking financial assistance from the city.” (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

3:00pm The Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the final Envision Report. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Mon, Nov 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Wed, Nov 20

11:00am The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will meet to discuss Policy Order #7, regarding Open meeting law review and Policy Order #11, regarding Council Budget- Private Attorney. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

3:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss restrictions and opportunities the City has when working with bargaining units to implement new policies. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Mon, Nov 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Tues, Nov 26

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct public hearings on the City Council petition on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance entitled “Shared Mobility Zoning”. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Mon, Dec 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Wed, Dec 4

2:00pm The Public Safety Committee will meet to discuss snow removal. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Mon, Dec 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Mon, Dec 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Mon, Dec 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Mon, Dec 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Oct 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR MALLON
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Three times per summer, the City of Boston hosts “Open Newbury”, an open market-style event where Newbury Street is closed to vehicular traffic and businesses, restaurants, and visitors can use the entire street without the interference of traffic; and

WHEREAS: Now finishing its second summer, Open Newbury is a popular event that draws thousands of visitors to Newbury Street and dramatically increases traffic to local businesses; and

WHEREAS: Harvard Square is a business district has a street layout with the potential to be a pedestrian-only area at designated times, and is already a popular tourist destination; and

WHEREAS: Choosing a handful of dates in the summer of 2020 to close some portion of Harvard Square as a pilot program to traffic and make it pedestrian-only would increase the number of visitors to Harvard Square, increase traffic to local businesses, and allow Harvard Square to compete on a level with Newbury St and other business districts that host open market-style events; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Harvard Square Business Association and the Harvard Square Neighborhood Association to determine the feasibility of closing some portion of Harvard Square to vehicular traffic on a select number of days during the summer of 2020; and be it further ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-2 Oct 7, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: LGBTQ+ History Month is celebrated each year during the month of October, coinciding with National Coming Out Day on October 11, and providing an opportunity to remember the leaders and struggles of the gay rights movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS: The June 1969 Stonewall Uprisings in New York transformed the gay rights movement nationally, prompting thousands of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer activists to mobilize in their communities and demand equal rights; and

WHEREAS: In Cambridge, the nascent gay movement attracted activists well-seasoned by the civil rights, anti-war, and women’s movements, and drew upon strategies and even phone lists borrowed from parallel efforts to expand the rights of Cantabrigians; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge boasts of many LGBTQ+ firsts in the U.S.: the first gender-affirming surgery in Massachusetts (1972); first openly gay black mayor (Kenneth Reeves, 1992); first openly lesbian City Councillor (Katherine Triantafillou, 1993); the first same-sex marriage license (2004); and the first openly lesbian black mayor (E. Denise Simmons, 2008)—a legacy which was made firm by subsequent LGBTQ+ officials, including Mayor David Maher (2014); and

WHEREAS: Cambridge will honor its LGBTQ+ History with a display in the entrance to City Hall during the month of October and an exhibit in the Mayor’s Parlor; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record recognizing October as LGBTQ+ History Month and encouraging all Cambridge residents to learn about the intrepid and pioneering people who sustained the gay rights movement, and who continue to fight for LGBTQ+ rights in public, in their workplace, in their places of worship, and in their private lives.

O-3 Oct 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

ORDERED: That the full City Council ask the City Solicitor to report back on the legal authority of the City to ban the use of natural gas in newly constructed buildings.

REFER TO COMMITTEE REPORT #1

O-4 Oct 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Arts Council and the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Rindge School of Technical Arts, to determine the best re-use for the four honey locust logs from Inman Square to create public art for the community.

REFER TO COMMITTEE REPORT #2

O-5 Oct 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR MALLON

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to have appropriate city staff review the proposed Welcoming Community ordinance, present draft language to the Ordinance Committee at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to their next meeting on this ordinance and report back to the Ordinance committee.

O-6 Oct 7, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City has recently begun offering free MBTA passes to qualifying income-eligible students at CRLS; and

WHEREAS: There are other high school students who live in Cambridge who may also qualify for and benefit from free MBTA passes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update to the City Council on the number of free MBTA passes issued to CRLS students in FY20 and to consider expanding the program to include qualifying Cambridge residents of high school age; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the heads of all high schools and any eligible school programs to determine the number of Cambridge students who would be eligible to receive this benefit; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter before the end of 2019.

O-7 Oct 7, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as part of its response to the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS: [An estimated 43% of emissions in Massachusetts come from transportation](#), and driving personal gasoline-powered vehicles causes a large portion of those emissions; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge's [Climate Action Plan](#) states that in order to reach our sustainability goals, the City must

actively pursue innovative methods to reduce vehicular emissions; and

WHEREAS: Many gasoline nozzles come equipped with a "nozzle talker" that could easily hold a small label; and

WHEREAS: Requiring these labels at the gas pump will provide consumers with information about the impact of fossil fuel consumption directly at the point of purchase, which may encourage them to reduce their consumption and use alternative forms of transportation when appropriate; and

WHEREAS: The fight to reverse climate change requires that everyone take action to change their behavior, and the City must underscore the fact that each individual's behavior can make an impact on the environment and on public health; and

WHEREAS: In [City Manager's Agenda #13 of Oct 17, 2016](#), the City Solicitor opined that such an ordinance would violate neither the First Amendment nor the Commerce Clause, as long as it contains "purely factual and uncontroversial" information; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the proposed amendment to article 8.12.010 of the Municipal Code (as attached) be referred to the Ordinance Committee for hearing and report before the end of 2019; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor and the appropriate staff to review the language of this draft amendment and to report back to the City Council in advance of the Ordinance Committee hearing.

Fuel Pump Warning Label Amendment

8.12.010 - Self-service station regulations.

a) The dispensing of motor fuel by means of self-service automated dispensing systems shall be permitted at any authorized gasoline station. All installations shall comply with the regulations promulgated by the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations in the Commonwealth.

b) Each self-service automated dispensing system shall display a clear warning label explaining that burning gasoline, diesel and ethanol has major consequences on human health and on the environment, including contributing to climate change. The text, image, or graphics of this warning label shall be approved by the Department of Public Health.

O-8 Oct 7, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: There is currently no formally established, public process for keeping the City and the public informed on the status of our public utilities' load forecasting and infrastructure planning; and

WHEREAS: Regularly scheduled public conversations between the Planning Board and the City's electricity, gas, water, cable and internet providers are essential to ensuring comprehensive planning is transparent, effective, and in the best interest of residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to institute regularly scheduled, public conversations between the Planning Board and public utility representatives from Eversource, the Water Department, Comcast, Verizon, and any other appropriate entities, in order to keep the City and the public informed; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter before the end of 2019.

O-9 Oct 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: On Aug 5, 2019, the Government of India suspended Article 370 of its constitution, thereby revoking the long-protected, semi-autonomous status of the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir without consultation of Kashmiri political or civil society leaders; and

WHEREAS: This anti-democratic action was preceded by a surge of roughly 35,000 Indian forces to the already heavily militarized region of Jammu & Kashmir and the imposition of a total communications blackout across the region, including cellular networks and internet connectivity; and

WHEREAS: Kashmiris remain cut off from each other and the outside world while their families across the globe, including Kashmiri-Americans in Cambridge, are unable to contact them and ensure their safety and well-being; and

WHEREAS: While the ongoing blackout has severely curtailed the ability of international press to investigate on the ground, the few reports that have emerged have been uniformly disturbing, including: mass detentions of thousands of citizens, elected officials, doctors, and lawyers; use of torture and lethal force against civilians, dwindling supplies of life-saving medical treatments and inability of patients to access hospitals, and curtailing of religious freedoms; and

WHEREAS: Children have borne the brunt of these actions, with reports of families unable to secure baby food and formula for infants, students prevented from attending school, and Kashmiris as young as 12 facing serious injuries from Indian forces and indefinite detentions without any charges; and

WHEREAS: Activists across the United States and globe have been mobilizing in solidarity with the people of Kashmir, and on the weekend of Sept 21-22 a series of peaceful protests were held to mark Day 50 of the communication blackout in Kashmir; and

WHEREAS: These standouts, coordinated by the coalition "Global Standout for Peace in South Asia," took place in Boston, MA, Seattle, WA, the San Francisco Bay area, and Houston, TX, as well as in Kolkata, India, Gothenburg, Sweden, Islamabad, Pakistan, and Kathmandu, Nepal; and

WHEREAS: A number of locally-based organizations have similarly declared solidarity with the movement for peace in Kashmir, including Massachusetts Peace Action, CODEPINK: Women for Peace, MIT Students Against War, Coalition for Democratic India, Alliance for a Secular and Democratic South Asia and Boston University Students for Justice in Palestine; as well as Stand with Kashmir, a national organization; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record stating its severe concern for the developments in Kashmir and declaring its solidarity with the Kashmiri people, specifically Cambridge's Kashmiri community, that they may soon again be in contact with their families, friends and loved ones; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Offices of Massachusetts' Senators Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey and Representatives Katherine Clark and Ayanna Pressley, encouraging them to call for the Indian government's immediate

and complete cessation of the communications blackout in Kashmir, and demand that all human rights violations in Kashmir be thoroughly and properly investigated on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-10 Oct 7, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR MALLON

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: In celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day (Mon, Oct 14) and the end of Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15), the Office of the Mayor is hosting a Cypher at City Hall event on Fri, Oct 18, 2019, on the front steps of City Hall; and

WHEREAS: Cypher at City Hall is a collaboration with the Cambridge-based Hip-Hop Collective, which brings together local artists to perform monthly in Central Square's "Graffiti Alley," the Arts Council, the City Manager, the Office of the Mayor, and the North American Indian Center of Boston (NAICOB); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Electrical Department to ensure that City Hall is appropriately illuminated in honor of Indigenous Peoples Day and Hispanic Heritage Month on Fri, Oct 18, from the hours of 6:30pm to 9:30pm.

O-11 Oct 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Rodent infestations have been a prevalent problem throughout Cambridge and in recent months the problem has continued to get worse and have costs homeowners a substantial amount of money for traps; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to allocate more funds in the FY21 budget to Inspectional Services to help combat the city-wide rodent issue and report back on the feasibility of providing monetary compensation to homeowners who have had to self-finance traps and what funds could be allocated in the future to help homeowners buy traps.

O-12 Oct 7, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments and the Department of Conservation and Recreation to:

- install NO TURN ON RED signs along Memorial Drive where it intersects with Cambridge-owned streets to improve the safety of heavily used pedestrian and non-vehicular, multimodal commuter routes along and across the Charles River; and
- increase Massachusetts State Police enforcement of those intersections to prevent blocking the box and to keep crosswalks unimpeded by standing vehicles.

O-13 Oct 7, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Harvard and MIT are two of the city's largest taxpayers and also make annual PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) payments to partially offset the loss of property tax revenue due to their non-profit status; and

WHEREAS: In FY20 total PILOT payments were projected to be about \$7.1 million; and
WHEREAS: The universities and their affiliated programs greatly enrich our community but also add to the demand for housing at all income levels; and
WHEREAS: The Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Tenant Displacement investigated the City's PILOT agreements and whether the opportunity exists for renegotiation of these established contracts, developing new, additional PILOTs, and/or redirecting revenue; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Budget Department, the Assessor's Department and the Community Development Department to consider directing a portion of future PILOT funds into the Affordable Housing Trust starting in FY21, in order to increase the total amount of annual funding in the trust; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back by Dec 2, 2019.

O-14 Oct 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that many small businesses throughout Cambridge have been targeted for not being ADA compliant; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge's Community Development Department has small business improvement grants to help with this type of an issue; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to allocate more funds in the FY21 budget for the small business improvement grants and to confer with the Massachusetts Attorney General's office on whether other cities in Massachusetts have been facing similar issues and what can be done to protect the small businesses; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this issue by Nov 18, 2019 meeting.

O-15 Oct 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Commuters in Cambridge and are facing significant traffic congestion on our roads, numerous delays on our public transit system, and few reliable transportation options; and
WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (MassBio) released a [survey](#) of 2,000 people in which a majority said that their commutes are worse than in the past and public transportation is too unreliable, and numerous respondents also said they would seriously consider changing jobs or move to another state if they could get a better commute, and as a result, the MassBio leadership has strongly encouraged companies in the biotechnology sector to pay for their employees' bike or scooter share usage; and
WHEREAS: According to a recent [study by INRIX](#), 49% of all automobile trips in the Boston area are less than 3 miles and 21% under 1 mile, so a majority of vehicle trips in the area could be replaced with a strong micromobility network; and
WHEREAS: The Metropolitan Area Planning Council, recently released its own [study](#) that demonstrates that ride-hailing companies such as Uber and Lyft are increasing not just traffic

congestion, but also greenhouse gas emissions in the Greater Boston area, which severely impacts our climate; and
WHEREAS: The Town of Brookline has launched a successful electric scooter pilot program with over 130,000 scooter trips accounting for over 157,000 miles ridden, with an average trip of just 1.2 miles, which has likely cannibalized many short-distance motor vehicle trips, resulting in fewer carbon emissions, and unnecessary single occupancy vehicle congestion; and
WHEREAS: Many Cambridge residents have purchased private micro-mobility devices such as electric bicycles, skateboards, scooters, unicycles, and other devices, and are currently using these devices for their daily commutes; and
WHEREAS: [House Bill 3116](#) and [Senate Bill 2034](#) amends the requirements for electric scooters by lifting the contradictory and outmoded definition of motorized scooters from the General Laws shared goals of reduced congestion, increased transit equity, and fewer carbon emissions originating from our communities; and
WHEREAS: Governor Baker has also filed legislation, [Senate Bill 7](#), that directs the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to establish a Low-speed Mobility Device Advisory Working Group to review the use of other micro-mobility devices throughout the Commonwealth, as part of the omnibus safe driving bill submitted earlier this year; and
WHEREAS: When properly deployed in cities, micro-mobility devices help eliminate hundreds of thousands of motor vehicle trips, prevent tons of carbon emissions from polluting our environment, and provide a less expensive option over ride share services and private ownership; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of House Bill 3116, Senate Bill 2034, and the establishment of Governor Baker's Low-speed Mobility Device Advisory Working Group as part of the Safe Driving Legislation, Senate Bill 7; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Representative William Straus and Senator Joe Boncore, Chairs of the Joint Committee on Transportation, as well as the Cambridge Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-16 Oct 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR MALLON
MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Arts Task Force approached barriers to a thriving Cambridge Arts Community in a holistic way, with particular focus on: racial equity, City support for small arts organizations, anti-displacement measures, and support for local artists in under-represented socioeconomic groups; and
WHEREAS: The Task Force has compiled 70 recommendations and over \$2 million additional dollars worth of funding this fiscal year, and recommendations should be implemented by a member of the Arts community who is an expert in the needs of local artists and has the resources and support from the City of Cambridge; and
WHEREAS: Adding a position in the City staff as a Director of Arts and Culture is a key recommendation of the Arts Task Force; and
WHEREAS: A Director of Arts and Culture will serve as a liaison to the local arts community and be equipped with the resources to respond to concerns of displacement, help with funding and grant acquisitions, liaise with small arts organizations and cultural communities, and plan cultural events; and

WHEREAS: The need for a Director of Arts and Culture is pressing for small arts organizations struggling to exist in our City. The closing of EMF in March and most recently the Green St. Dance Studios have served as painful examples of arts organizations lacking a designated advocate on the City staff, one who can connect them to resources by bringing together different departments and the upper-levels of City administration; and

WHEREAS: Our diverse cultural communities have also expressed a need for a Director of Arts and Culture to ensure that all cultures are celebrated equally by the City, and that City resources are allocated equally in this regard; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Arts and Culture would also work with the arts community to allocate the increased revenue streams identified for the Arts, and ensure that the recommendations in the Arts Task Force's Final Report are implemented to best support our arts community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to create the position of a Director of Arts and Culture for the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council before the end of this calendar year.

O-17 Oct 7, 2019
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: New England Development (NED) is seeking a [major upzoning](#) for its property in East Cambridge (Galleria Mall); and

WHEREAS: The City Council lacks basic financial information regarding the value of the proposed upzoning and hence cannot reasonably evaluate the proposed community benefits as to their sufficiency in return for granting such an upzoning; and

WHEREAS: NED has offered to share their pro forma with individual Councillors, but without an independent financial analysis we can draw only limited conclusions from that information; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Economic Development division of the Community Development Department to retain a financial/economic analyst to conduct a confidential financial analysis of NED's pro forma to inform the council in confidence on the value of the proposed upzoning.

O-18 Oct 7, 2019
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that many trees at Magazine Beach Park have been lost in recent years to old age, severe weather, and other factors; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works Commissioner has expressed a willingness to plant new trees in Magazine Beach, subject to Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) permission; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to seek permission from DCR to plant new trees in Magazine Beach Park in Spring 2020 with a special focus on the eastern end of the park and the grove area; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to bring an appropriation before the City Council if necessary to fund such an effort, including the cost of watering and maintenance; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter prior to the Spring 2020 planting season.

O-19 Oct 7, 2019
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: Cambridge's Climate Vulnerability Assessment has established that many Cambridge residents are vulnerable to (and are already experiencing) extreme heat and flooding impacts from climate change, underscoring the need to rapidly reduce our emissions to avoid even worse impacts in the future; and

WHEREAS: Scientific evidence has established that natural gas combustion, procurement, and transportation produce significant greenhouse gas emissions that worsen the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge first declared a climate emergency [in 2009](#) and has a goal of reaching zero emissions no later than 2050; and

WHEREAS: In order to reach these goals, new buildings will have to use electric heating and cooling equipment (chiefly ground and air source heat pumps) that is powered by electricity generated from renewable sources such as wind and solar; and

WHEREAS: All-electric buildings are cheaper to build than those that use natural gas for heating, and the price of natural gas is expected to significantly increase in the future; and

WHEREAS: Retrofitting buildings that are designed to rely on natural gas infrastructure is a costly proposition that will take decades to complete, and it makes no sense to add more such buildings now, only to have to retrofit them later; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's aging natural gas infrastructure represents a severe and omnipresent danger to all residents, and expanding this infrastructure to meet additional demand from new buildings would further increase and prolong these risks and keep the City locked in to using natural gas in the future; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the attached proposed amendments to the municipal code be referred to the Ordinance Committee for a hearing and consideration; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor, Community Development, Public Works, Inspectional Services and any other related departments to review the proposed amendments and report back to the Council no later than the end of October.

Chapter 15.10
PROHIBITION OF NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE IN
NEW BUILDINGS

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15.10.010 Purpose.

The Cambridge City Council finds that in order to reach its net zero emissions goals in response to the climate crisis, and pursuant to its declaration of a climate emergency in 2009, fossil fuel combustion in newly constructed buildings shall be prohibited. Furthermore, to protect the health and safety of its residents, combustion of Natural Gas specifically in newly constructed buildings, including major renovations, shall be prohibited.

15.10.020 Applicability.

A. The requirements of this Chapter shall apply to the permits of or the processing of development applications for all Newly Constructed Buildings proposed to be located in whole or in part within the City.

B. The requirements of this Chapter shall not apply to the use of portable propane appliances for outdoor cooking and heating.

C. This Chapter shall in no way be construed as amending energy code requirements under 780 CMR Chapter 115 AA (Stretch Energy Code, as adopted by the Cambridge City Council on Dec 21, 2009), nor as requiring the use or installation of any specific appliance or system as a condition of approval.

D. The requirements of this Chapter shall be incorporated into conditions of approval for applications for permits under Article 19 of the Zoning Ordinance.

15.10.030 Definitions.

A. "Accessory Dwelling Unit" shall have the same meaning as "Accessory Apartment" in Article 2 of the Zoning Ordinance.

B. "Greenhouse Gas Emissions" mean gases that trap heat in the atmosphere.

C. "Natural Gas" shall have the same meaning as "Fuel Gas" as defined in 248 CMR 4.02

D. "Natural Gas Infrastructure" shall be defined as fuel gas piping, other than service pipe, in or in connection with a building, structure or within the property lines of premises, extending from the point of delivery at the gas meter as specified in 248 CMR 4.02.

E. "Newly Constructed Building" shall be defined as a building with a valid Building Permit or Special Permit application approved on or after the effective date of this Chapter that has never before been used or occupied for any purpose, or a building partially demolished and reconstructed where the demolition involved more than half of the most recent prior total floor area of the building.

F. "Occupancy Permit" shall have the same meaning as specified in Chapter 9.20.

G. "Special Permit" shall have the same meaning as specified in Chapter 10.40.

15.10.040 Prohibited Natural Gas Infrastructure in Newly Constructed Buildings.

A. Natural Gas Infrastructure shall be prohibited in Newly Constructed Buildings.

B. Notwithstanding 15.10.040.A, Natural Gas Infrastructure may be permitted in a Newly Constructed Building if the applicant establishes that it is not physically feasible to construct the building without Natural Gas Infrastructure.

C. For purposes of this section, "feasible to construct the building" means that the building is able to achieve the prevailing

performance compliance standards using commercially available technology.

D. Natural Gas Infrastructure shall not be extended to any system or device within a building for which an equivalent all-electric system or design is available.

E. To the extent that an exemption and installation of Natural Gas Infrastructure is granted, Newly Constructed Buildings shall be required to have sufficient electric capacity and conduit to facilitate full building electrification.

15.10.050 Exception for Attached Accessory Dwelling Units.

The requirements of this Chapter shall not apply to attached Accessory Dwelling Units.

15.10.060 Public Interest Exemption.

A. Notwithstanding the requirements of this Chapter and the Greenhouse Gas Emissions and other public health and safety hazards associated with Natural Gas Infrastructure, minimally necessary and specifically tailored Natural Gas Infrastructure may be allowed in a Newly Constructed Building provided that the permit granting authority for the project establishes that the use serves the public interest.

B. To the extent that stand-alone delivery systems are available, the exemption shall require that the permit granting authority for the project consider whether a stand-alone delivery system is physically feasible before granting an exemption.

15.10.070 Annual Review.

The City shall review annually the requirements of this ordinance for ongoing consistency with Massachusetts Building Energy Codes regulations under 780 CMR and the Commission's code adoption cycle.

15.10.080 Severability.

If any word, phrase, sentence, part, section, subsection, or other portion of this Chapter, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared void, unconstitutional, or invalid for any reason, then such word, phrase, sentence, part, section, subsection, or other portion, or the prescribed application thereof, shall be severable, and the remaining provisions of this Chapter, and all applications thereof, not having been declared void, unconstitutional or invalid, shall remain in full force and effect. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this title, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Chapter, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases is declared invalid or unconstitutional.

15.10.090 Effective date.

The provisions of this Chapter shall become effective on Jan 1, 2020.

O-20 Oct 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City's HomeBridge program provides financial assistance to eligible, first-time homebuyers in purchasing a home in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: In exchange for this assistance, the sale is accompanied by an affordable housing restriction; and

WHEREAS: Eligible applicants must earn at least 60% and no more than 100% of Area Median Income (AMI) adjusted for household size; and

WHEREAS: When program funds are available, households up to 120% AMI may also be determined eligible for HomeBridge; and
WHEREAS: Funds for households earning between 100% and 120% AMI are not currently available and the program for households in this income range is not currently accepting applications; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Affordable Housing Trust on the matter of increasing funding to the City's HomeBridge program so that access to homeownership may be made available to a wider range of incomes, as the program intends; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter as soon as possible.

O-21 Oct 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR CARLONE
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: At the Ordinance Committee meeting on Oct 2, 2019 there was confusion over the City Solicitor's role in reading proposed ordinances and being prepared to discuss said ordinances that contributed to delaying important legislation to protect immigrants; and

WHEREAS: It is often difficult to plan committee meetings around the schedules of City Councillors, City staff, residents and advocacy groups, which makes being prepared to discuss items during scheduled committee meetings of paramount importance; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council amend section 1.12.040 of the Municipal Code of ordinances to add the following language: "After a proposed ordinance is introduced and referred to committee, the City Manager shall instruct the City Solicitor's office to draft an opinion on the legality and applicability of said proposed ordinance within 30 days of introduction;" and be it further

ORDERED: That this item shall be referred to the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee for discussion; and be it further

ORDERED: That this item shall be referred to the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee for discussion with the City Solicitor, City Clerk and staff.

O-22 Oct 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Due to the Taylor Square Fire Station ongoing renovations, the fire station has been temporarily relocated to the Alewife area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Fire Chief to report back providing information confirming that the temporary location of the Taylor Square Fire Station to the Alewife area continues to provide uninterrupted service to residents in the Taylor Square Fire Station area.