

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$1,172,105.00 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$199,280.00), and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$972,825.00) to support the operation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to supplement fuel assistance payments.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$116,748.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$3,948.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$112,800.00) which will be used to support the Support for Tenants at Risk (STAR) homelessness prevention program based at the Multi-Service Center and to contract with a clinician who will be based at Cambridge District Court.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance grant funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$95,281.74 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$86,781.74), and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$8,500.00) and will be used for costs related to the Carey Men's Transitional Program operated by the Multi-Service Center.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funded by Friends of the Community Learning Center through individual donations in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$24,139.00), and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$861.00) which will support English for Speakers of Other Languages classes at the Community Learning Center.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funded by Friends of the Community Learning Center in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$500.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$9,500.00) from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation to support the Adult Career Pathways to Careers and Employment Program, which enhances the Adult Career Pathways program with the addition of Home Health Aide training.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant in the amount of \$22,953.45 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$14,156.45), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$7,697.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$1,100.00) which will be used to fund the classes, advising and coaching of the Bridge to College Program students from July 2017 through June 2018.
8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant from the Jacobs Foundation in the amount of \$31,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$29,360.00) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,640.00) which provides support for Bridge Program advising, coaching and mentoring, advising for the ESOL/Certified Nursing Assistant Program, and education and career advising for other CLC students.
9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funded by Friends of the Community Learning Center in the amount of \$12,500.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$625.00), and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$11,875.00) to support the Adult Career Pathways to Careers and Employment Program, which enhances the Adult Career Pathways program with the addition of Home Health Aide training.
10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of funds for the College Success Program (CSI) from the Cambridge Housing Authority for \$12,500.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to support a portion of the salary costs for a part-time college success coach to work with students attending Bunker Hill Community College.
11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-78, regarding a Police Substation in Central Square.
12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-50, regarding a report on the feasibility and cost of installing computerized traffic signals along the City's main corridors.
13. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-63, regarding a report on approving road races.
14. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$135,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures Account to procure a Sidewalk Tractor.

15. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-74, regarding a report on the gas leak on Binney Street.
16. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-94, regarding a report on curbing and pooling water at 25 Eighth Street.
17. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-92, regarding a report on sidewalk and curb work at and near 8 Lambert Street.
18. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-80, regarding a report on the Eastern Cambridge Kendall Square Open Space Planning Study.
19. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$150,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures Account to provide necessary funds to complete the Sacramento Field renovation.
20. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-54, regarding airplane noise and Awaiting Report Item Number 17-67, regarding Millennium Towers and related airport noise.
21. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the City Council's draft Guiding Principles and Goals developed with the assistance of Big Sky Blue Consulting over the course of three public goal setting meetings held during this term.

#### **ON THE TABLE**

1. 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.]
2. 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.]
3. 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.]
4. 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.]

5. 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.]
6. 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.]

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7. An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge by adding a new Section 13.90 to Article 13.000 and amend the Zoning Map to add new PUD-7 District. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Oct 16, 2017. Planning Board hearings held July 25, 2017 and Sept 12, 2017. Petition expires Oct 31, 2017.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Laura McMurry, 334 Harvard Street, regarding Voluntary bike registry.
2. A communication was received from Sarah Kennedy, Director of Government and Community Relations, Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, regarding Support of Policy Order #3 to protect and enhance Harvard Square.
3. Sundry communications were received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding Twining Development, Metal Plaque for Seven Stars, and a comprehensive explanation of bike or personal electric vehicle and bikes.
4. A communication was received from Hasson Reshid, regarding Community Media Day Resolution 2017 Proposal.
5. A communication was received from Ian Schneider, regarding 10/2 Bike Safety Meeting.
6. A communication was received from Chantal Eide, 20 Ellsworth Avenue, regarding Cycle Lanes.
7. A communication was received from Maria Costas, Cambridge Street, regarding Protected Bike Lanes on Cambridge Street.
8. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, Individually, and as Chair , Friends of the White Geese, regarding support docking at Magazine Beach.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Happy Birthday to Denise Montgomery. Mayor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of Benedict F. Fitzgerald Jr. Councillor Maher
3. Resolution on the death of Eric R. Dahl. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey

4. Congratulations to Stuart Weinberg for 32 years owning and operating Seven Stars in Central Square. Councillor Carlone
5. Resolution on the death of Thomas Biasiucci. Mayor Simmons
6. Get Well wishes to Julia Hogan-Jackson. Mayor Simmons
7. Resolution on the death of Mary J. (Macone) Kervick. Councillor Maher
8. Congratulations to Christopher Johnston and the Forsyth Institute team on receiving a prestigious National Institutes of Health award to pursue research on microbes in the human body. Councillor Cheung
9. Congratulations and best wishes to Bon Me on the occasions of its new brick-and-mortar location at 60 Binney Street in East Cambridge with the grand opening on Oct 19, 2017. Councillor Cheung
10. Congratulations and best wishes to Momi Nonmi on the occasion of its official opening at 1128 Cambridge Street. Councillor Cheung
11. Congratulations to Charles River Analytics Inc. for recently signing a contract with the United States Navy to produce Embedded Architecture for Cyber-resilience. Councillor Cheung
12. Thanks and best wishes to Yarlennys Villaman, Case Manager with Community Legal Services and Counseling Center, as she pursues a new professional opportunity. Mayor Simmons
13. Congratulations to Sacred Heart Parish on the occasion of its 175th anniversary. Councillor Toomey
14. Speedy recovery wishes to Binyam Tamene. Mayor Simmons

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the City Arborist, the Commissioner of the Public Works Department, and any other relevant City Departments to determine how to best repair the sidewalks in and around 349 Norfolk Street and at 32 Elm Street. Mayor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Community Development Department and other appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of requiring developers to post a signboard at development sites requiring Large Project Review or a Special Permit with contact information for a site manager, a brief description of the project (including whether it is residential, commercial, or mixed-use, and, if residential, the total number of units and inclusionary units, an expected completion date, and a rendering of the street-facing elevation), and a web link where more information is available. Councillor Devereux
3. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works to provide the City Council with an update on the pilot program regarding feminine hygiene products in public facilities. Councillor Devereux
4. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Police Commissioner to increase traffic enforcement on Appleton Street and to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department with the view in mind of installing proper signage to avoid a serious injury. Councillor Maher

5. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments and report back to the City Council on the status of the implementation of the EnerGov software across various City departments to streamline the permitting process. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Mazen, Councillor Cheung
6. Council support of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club's fracked gas infrastructure (FGI) letter writing initiative. Councillor Cheung, Councillor Devereux
7. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Community Development Department, the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Arts Council regarding the feasibility of implementing neighborways on certain streets in Cambridge, propose two streets to pilot as neighborways, and create a process by which a group of residents can request that their street be considered as future neighborways. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone
8. The City Manager is requested to consult with relevant City staff to propose immediate and forward-looking measures to improve and prioritize conservation of Cambridge's tree canopy before the Urban Forest Master Plan is in place. Councillor Devereux

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Jan Devereux, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee for a public hearing held on Sept 26, 2017 to follow up on Policy Order #2 of June 20, 2016 to discuss the City's Tree Protection Ordinance and possible ways to improve this ordinance to protect the tree canopy while protecting individual property rights.
2. 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 Oct 5, 2017, to discuss a proposed zoning amendment on Beekeeping.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a communication from Councillor Leland Cheung, regarding questions relating to MITIMCO's Volpe petition.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Oct 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Oct 17**

2:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a fourth 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 focus on a final review of the zoning, review of the Design Guidelines and review the Letter of Commitment. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, Oct 18**

6:30pm 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)

**Tues, Oct 24**

2:00pm Housing Committee (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 1**

10:00am City Council *Inaugural 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)

**Mon, May 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Oct 16, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the sidewalks located at 349 Norfolk Street may be hazardous to seniors and to those with mobility impairments due to the impact of the roots of a large tree that have been upending the sidewalk; and

WHEREAS: Residents have also voiced concerns about the same situation occurring on the sidewalk in front of 32 Elm Street; and

WHEREAS: Due to the roots upending the sidewalks in these areas, seniors, those who utilize walkers, wheelchairs, and other devices for assisting with balance, are reportedly having difficulty navigating these stretches of sidewalk, and as we head toward the winter months, there are growing concerns about the hazards these sidewalks represent; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the City Arborist, the Commissioner of the Public Works Department, and any other relevant City Departments to determine how to best repair the sidewalks in and around 349 Norfolk Street and at 32 Elm Street, and to report back to the City Council on how and when these matters may be resolved.

O-2 Oct 16, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: Many areas of Cambridge are facing significant development changes, with new buildings being constructed frequently; and

WHEREAS: With so much development activity, it can be difficult for residents to stay up-to-date on every project; and

WHEREAS: It would be useful to have contact information, a web link with more details about the project, and basic information about the project available at the development site itself; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Community Development Department and other appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of requiring developers to post a signboard at development sites requiring Large Project Review or a Special Permit with contact information for a site manager, a brief description of the project (including whether it is residential, commercial, or mixed-use, and, if residential, the total number of units and inclusionary units, an expected completion date, and a rendering of the street-facing elevation), and a web link where more information is available; and be it further

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

O-3 Oct 16, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: On [Mar 14, 2016](#), the City Council adopted an Order asking the City Manager to report back regarding improving accessibility to feminine hygiene products in public restrooms to ensure that "City residents would not have to risk their health or dignity because they menstruate"; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager's office responded on [Nov 7, 2016](#) recommending a pilot program focused on low-income women and girls; and

WHEREAS: Within this pilot, the Department of Public Works installed dispensers for feminine hygiene products at bathrooms in

the five youth centers, the Multi Service Center, and in City Hall “on a trial basis until June 30th 2017”; and

WHEREAS: These dispensers were to be restocked three times per week, and the initial cost of the units and their maintenance was about \$20,000; and

WHEREAS: If the pilot was found to be successful, the continued cost was estimated at approximately \$21,000 provided by the DPW operating budget; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Human Services was also reaching out to area shelters to see what practices are currently employed; and

WHEREAS: Considerable time has passed since the end of this pilot program, and the Council has not received any update as to whether this program will be moving forward on a permanent basis; and

WHEREAS: This need recently resurfaced due to information received from the Cambridge Police Youth Boxing Program at the YMCA, whose 650 participants are between the ages of 10-24 and are referred by agencies including schools, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Youth Services, Juvenile Probation, The Home for Little Wanderers, and the Guidance Center; and

WHEREAS: This program focuses on mentorship, developing life skills, building healthy relationships, creating a sense of safety, and promoting self-esteem and a positive body image to youth who are at-risk and/or have recently experienced trauma; and

WHEREAS: Some of the participants feel that their lack of access to feminine hygiene products can be a source of embarrassment and can prevent them from participating in all of the available activities; and

WHEREAS: Concerns from this program have prompted the Council to request information on the status of this pilot program and what additional steps can be taken to ensure that young women and girls in Cambridge’s afterschool programs, youth centers, and other public facilities have easy and equitable access to the basic personal care products necessary for their health and comfort; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works to provide the City Council with an update on the pilot program regarding feminine hygiene products in public facilities and a reasonable timeline for instituting a permanent solution; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Department of Human Services to determine the feasibility of improving access to these products in their programs and to update the Council on their discussions with shelters; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with Cambridge Women’s Commission on both of these matters; 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-4 Oct 16, 2017  
COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Appleton Street, a two-way street between Brattle Street and Huron Avenue, is a highly trafficked street in a dense residential neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: Appleton Street is often used as a cut-through to avoid adjacent intersections with traffic lights; and

WHEREAS: One such car, traveling too fast over the crest of Appleton Street, came frighteningly close to hitting a senior Appleton Street resident while he was exiting his car; and

WHEREAS: Appleton Street is also home to many families with children and residents have been expressing concern about the need for street signs to warn drivers cresting the hill to slow down

due to loss of visibility and the potential for children playing in the street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Police Commissioner to increase traffic enforcement on Appleton Street and to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department with the view in mind of installing proper signage to avoid a serious injury.

O-5 Oct 16, 2017  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has undertaken two major technology improvement projects recently to improve access and transparency; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge’s website was redesigned, and the bulk of the work was recently completed; and

WHEREAS: All departments that issue permits will be transferred to the EnerGov software to simplify and streamline the permitting process among multiple departments for both applicants and the City staff who issue permits; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments and report back to the City Council on the status of the roll-out of the new City of Cambridge website, including what departments still need to be converted to the new website and what additional changes and improvements are still being made; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments and report back to the City Council on the status of the implementation of the EnerGov software across various City departments to streamline the permitting process.

O-6 Oct 16, 2017  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club is asking local public health boards to send letters to Governor Baker expressing the public health and safety concerns related to developing fracked gas infrastructure (FGI) across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: Health concerns steaming from FGI leaks include multiple forms of cancer, neurological diseases, and lung problems, including asthma; and

WHEREAS: Gasses emitted during the processing and delivery of fracked gas, notably methane, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxide, contribute greatly towards climate change – which will have major public health implications in the future; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club’s FGI letter writing initiative; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting the Cambridge Public Health Department in any effort they see fit to join this letter writing initiative on behalf of the City of Cambridge.

O-7 Oct 16, 2017  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Speeding cut-through traffic is one of the most frequent concerns expressed by residents city-wide to the City Council; and

WHEREAS: Traffic calming elements can be effective on certain streets, but features like curb extensions and raised crosswalks can be costly and time-consuming to install, and often residents feel that they do not solve the speeding problem; and

WHEREAS: “Neighborways” are becoming increasingly popular tools to slow traffic on residential streets without making substantial infrastructure changes to the street or reducing parking; and

WHEREAS: Neighborways beautify the public way with public art, identifying the street as one where neighbors prioritize safety and community over speed; and

WHEREAS: Neighborways have proven popular and effective in Portland, OR, Seattle, WA, and in Somerville; and

WHEREAS: These low-cost solutions bring neighbors together to brainstorm and collaborate in making community art to take “ownership” and pride in the public way; and

WHEREAS: Neighborways are a visual cue to motorists to slow down and watch for children, the elderly and other vulnerable users, furthering the City’s commitments to Vision Zero and Complete Streets; and

WHEREAS: Neighborways bring communities together to improve their street, combining art, community relations, and safety to enhance Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Community Development Department, the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Arts Council to 1) examine and report back to the City Council on the feasibility of implementing neighborways on certain streets in Cambridge, 2) propose two streets to pilot as neighborways, and 3) create a process by which a group of residents can request that their street be considered as future neighborways.

O-8 Oct 16, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: On [May 11, 2009](#) the City Council unanimously recognized that there is a climate emergency and requested the City Manager “to direct the appropriate city departments to increase the City’s responses to a scale proportionate to the emergency”; and

WHEREAS: In 2015 the City’s Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment, the result of a rigorous scientific study, found that Cambridge is more vulnerable to increasing heat and flooding than to sea-level rise and coastal storm surges, heat waves and poor indoor air quality will become increasingly challenging public health threats, and heat stress on human health will become much more severe; and

WHEREAS: The City’s Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment found also that vulnerability is not evenly distributed among the neighborhoods or households, and that people who are more isolated due to infirmity, age, language, or income level are significantly more vulnerable; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency maintains information on techniques to mitigate the urban heat island on which it states that trees and vegetation lower surface and air temperatures by providing shade and through evapotranspiration and they are most useful for mitigation when placed at strategic locations around buildings or to shade pavement; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge Community Development Department has documented the locations of heat islands in Cambridge and the mitigating effects of our current tree canopy and the results of this study were reported in a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency webcast, “[Assessing Your Heat Island: Considerations and Approaches](#)”; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is seeking a team of consultants to develop a comprehensive Urban Forest Master Plan for a “thriving expanded tree canopy protected by appropriate ordinances, zoning and policies, and cared for by city and state government agencies, institutions, businesses, residents, and engaged volunteers”; and

WHEREAS: The contract for development of the Urban Forest Master Plan is expected to last a year or longer; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider conservation of Cambridge’s tree canopy as necessary for maintaining public health and safety effective immediately; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with City staff in relevant departments to propose immediate and forward-looking measures to improve and prioritize conservation of Cambridge’s tree canopy in the interim before the Urban Forest Master Plan is in place; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council regarding these requests within 60 days.