

RECONSIDERATION LIST

1. Reconsideration has been filed by Vice Mayor Devereux on a proposed amendment to City Ordinance 1.12.040 regarding City Solicitor opinion on proposed ordinances.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following persons as a member of the Historical Commission for a term of three years: Bruce A. Irving and Kyle Sheffield.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of Ann Roosevelt as a member of the Water Board for a term of five years, effective Oct 21, 2019.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following persons as a members of the Fresh Pond Advisory Board for a term of three years, effective Oct 21, 2019: Janice Snow, James Barton and Deborah Masterson.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a supplemental allocation from the Office of the Attorney General, Local Consumer Aid Fund for \$11,000 to the Grant Fund License Commission (Consumer's Council) Salaries and Wages account (\$10,000), Grant Fund License Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$500), and Grant Fund License Commission Travel and Training account (\$500) which will be used to allow the Consumers' Council to continue the mediation of consumer complaints from individuals in Cambridge as well as in Somerville, Arlington, Belmont, Watertown and Waltham which do not have their own complaint mediation program.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-135, regarding the temporary relocation of the Taylor Square Firehouse.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Fair Housing Assistance Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$38,234 to the Grant Fund Human Rights Salary and Wages Account (\$25,034) and the Grant Fund Human Rights Travel and Training Account (\$13,200) which will be used to cover a portion of the salary of an Attorney-Investigator, who works on cases from the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP).
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$30,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Elections Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for the storage, delivery and pick up of ballot boxes, as well as to cover increased costs for voter guide preparation and mailing, voter notification cards, election vendor services, and costs associated with truck rentals for the Municipal Election.
8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the appropriation of \$300,000 from the Parking Fund balance to the Public Investment Fund Traffic and Parking Extraordinary Expenditures account, to increase visibility of bus lanes that were installed in two locations in Cambridge in 2018.
9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,000,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Executive Department Extraordinary Expenditures account for the City's annual contribution to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Green Line Extension (GLX) project.
10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$110,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Executive Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support the City of Cambridge 2020 Census Complete Count Committee.
11. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$163,707 from Free Cash to the General Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account to increase funding for tenant eviction prevention services consistent with the recommendations of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Tenant Displacement. Also, in response to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-90 and 19-99.
12. 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 \$38,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$33,437.00), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,563.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Services Travel and Training account (\$3,000.00) which will provide 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.
13. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the additional appropriation of the Low-Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$60,000.00, 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 Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$60,000.00) to allow the operation of the Low-Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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.
2. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. 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]
4. 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]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Kho Chi Liao, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 406 Norfolk Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No Response has been received from the neighborhood association.
2. A refilling Zoning Petition Has been received from Joseph T. Maguire of Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. transmitting a proposed revised amendment to the zoning ordinance by creating the Grand Junction Pathway Overlay District.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Gina Coplton-Newfield, regarding fuel pump warning labels.
2. A communication was received from Alex Hershey, 53 Standish Street, regarding ban on gas in new construction.
3. A communication was received from Tucker Delaney-Winn, regarding support on ban on fracked gas.
4. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding support for city tree-planting at Magazine Beach, Policy Order #18 (2019 #338).
5. A communication was received from Walter McDonald, 172 Magazine Street, regarding support of Policy Order #18, on 10/7 agenda.

6. A communication was received from Catz C. LeBlanc, 14 Tufts Street, regarding support of Policy Order #18.
7. A communication was received from Catherine Zusy, regarding support at Magazine Beach.
8. A communication was received from Mohamed Uduman, 6 Canal Park, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
9. A communication was received from Hafsa Salim, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
10. A communication was received from Todd Sperry, 131 Trowbridge Street, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
11. A communication was received from Sabba Shah, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
12. A communication was received from Jennifer Yeh, 131 Trowbridge Street, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
13. A communication was received from Ashfaq Balla, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
14. A communication was received from Farhana Sharmeen, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
15. A communication was received from Mohammed Chowdhury, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
16. A communication was received from Becki Norris, regarding support of Policy Order for subsidized MBTA passes.
17. A communication was received from June Woo, regarding support of Policy Order for subsidized MBTA passes.
18. A communication was received from Khalid Shah, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
19. A communication was received from Sawsan Abdo, regarding support of Policy Order for subsidized MBTA passes.
20. A communication was received from Aneela Ahmed, 189 Richdale Avenue, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
21. A communication was received from Lauren Grams, regarding support of Policy Order for subsidized MBTA passes.
22. A communication was received from Mohamed Mohamed, 80 Fawcett Street, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
23. A communication was received from Eliza Huntington, regarding support of Policy Order for subsidized MBTA passes.
24. A communication was received from Paige Wallace, regarding support of Policy Order for subsidized MBTA passes.

25. A communication was received from Lucia Brugger, 80 Fawcett Street, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
26. A communication was received from Lavile Russell, regarding support of Policy Order for subsidized MBTA passes.
27. A communication was received from Elizabeth Debraggio, regarding support of Policy Order for subsidized MBTA passes.
28. A communication was received from Anja Bresler, regarding support of Policy Order for subsidized MBTA passes.
29. A communication was received from Sumaya Teli, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
30. A communication was received from Matt Pace, regarding support of Policy Order for subsidized MBTA passes.
31. A communication was received from Usman Yousaf, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
32. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Tree Destruction Imminent of the Charles from the Destructive Cambridge City Council.
33. A communication was received from Seema M. Rathod, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
34. A communication was received from Omar K. Siddiqi, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
35. A communication was received from Alisa Khan, 303 Third Street, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
36. A communication was received from Rania Masri, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
37. A communication was received from Afra Khan, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
38. A communication was received from Musa Syeed, 16 Fainwood Circle, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
39. A communication was received from Stephanie Young Marzouk, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
40. A communication was received from Gabriel Mireles, expressing support for Policy Order POR 2019 #329.
41. A communication was received from George N.J. Sommer, III, 29 Otis Street, regarding CambridgeSide redevelopment proposal.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Get Well wishes to Sal DiDomenico Sr. Councillor Simmons
2. Get Well wishes to Dorothy Harr. Councillor Simmons
3. Congratulations to the Baby U Program on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary. Councillor Simmons

4. That the City Council go on record congratulating Officer Michael “Whitey” Daniliuk on the honor of receiving the 2019 Community Peacemaker Award. Mayor McGovern
5. Resolution on the death of David Lange. Councillor Toomey
6. Congratulations to Chloé Cunha, on being chosen as The Comedy Studio’s November 2019 Comic-in-Residence. Councillor Siddiqui

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Inspectional Services Department, the Department of Public Works, the Cambridge Historical Commission and other relevant City departments to determine the feasibility of expediting the Demolition and Rebuilding permitting process in the event of a natural disaster. Councillor Mallon
2. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Police Commissioner, the Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority, and all other pertinent individuals to determine the feasibility of piloting a program of assigning additional security officers to work collaboratively with and exclusively within Cambridge Housing Authority premises in and near Central Square and the Port. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
3. That the City Manager is requested to form a “Dog Park Working Group” with representatives from neighborhoods throughout the City to discuss dog park issues. Mayor McGovern
4. That the City Manager is hereby requested to confer with the Cambridge Fire Department, Human Resources, and other relevant departments to determine the feasibility of instituting and funding a Fire Cadet Program. Councillor Mallon, Councillor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Department of Public Works and any other relevant City departments to evaluate changing the surface of the Tudor Street Dog Park to eliminate hazards created by ingestion of small stones from the surface of the park. Mayor McGovern
6. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Department of Public Works and residents of Fresh Pond Place to ensure that any sidewalk hazards are mitigated before winter, to include the potential resurfacing of the most weathered sections of the sidewalk. Mayor McGovern
7. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Department of Public Health, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Human Services and any other relevant staff to review all the City’s policies and procedures related to the procurement, installation and disposal of artificial turf. Vice Mayor Devereux,

Councillor Carlone, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Zondervan

8. Zoning Amendment Articles 2.00 and 4.32 regarding opposition to permitting on-demand mobile fueling services to operate in Cambridge. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan

9. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Housing Liaison, housing staff in the Community Development Department, the Cambridge Housing Authority, CEOC, HRI, Wingate Companies, and the 808-812 Memorial Drive Tenants Association to provide immediate multi-lingual and individualized guidance and counseling to the tenants at 808-812 Memorial Drive, so that they can make fully informed decisions about their housing choices. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Anthony I. Wilson, City Clerk, transmitting a memorandum from Assistant to the Council, Naomie Stephen regarding the recommendations for the Dedication Committee.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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. [*This hearing has been **cancelled** because the state's joint judiciary committee is holding a hearing on the same subject at the same time.*]

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](#))

2:00pm The Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss setting annual greenhouse gas emissions goals in order to reach our stated goal of net zero emissions by 2050. (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 Celebrations 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 The 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](#))

12:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a hearing on a proposed amendment to Article 22 of the Zoning Ordinance - Green Building Requirements.

1:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance - Insulation Zoning Proposal. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Wed, Nov 13

12:00pm The 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 Celebrations 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](#))

Tues, Dec 3

3:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will meet to discuss the City Manager's report on the Parking and Transportation Demand Management (PTDM) Ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Wed, Dec 4

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

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to continue discussions on the petition by Stephen R. Karp, Trustee of Cambridgeside Galleria Associates Trust, to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge by adding a Section 13.100 that creates a new PUD-8 District. (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 21, 2019

COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The existing City’s Inspectional Services Demolition Permitting system makes no allowances for a differentiated, nor expedited, process for occurrences where a building has significantly deteriorated as a result of a natural disaster, such as a fire; and

WHEREAS: The current application for a Demolition Permit requires a site plan, including architectural drawings of the proposed construction to be built following demolition, which can be costly to procure and difficult to obtain in the immediate aftermath of such a traumatic event; and

WHEREAS: There can be significant delays, in some cases over 12 months, in the current Demolition and Building Permit procedure which should not apply to cases where the structure is significantly damaged by a natural disaster, such as Historical Commission demolition delay and others; and

WHEREAS: The length of the current Demolition and Permitting process presents victims of natural disasters with additional financial burdens during an already difficult time, as well as causing other problems on their damaged property such as rodents and other nuisances; and

WHEREAS: There needs to be a separate and expedited process for buildings that have been damaged due to a natural disaster, such as fire; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Inspectional Services Department, the Department of Public Works, the Cambridge Historical Commission and other relevant City departments to determine the feasibility of expediting the Demolition and Rebuilding permitting process in the event of a natural disaster, including but not limited to: instituting a committee with members from the aforementioned three Departments, and creating a dedicated point person within Inspectional Services to serve as a liaison to assist property owners throughout the process; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure the online explanations of, and forms pertaining to, demolition permitting be changed to reflect the aforementioned changes to the demolition permitting process in the event of a natural disaster, should these changes be adopted; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council in a timely matter.

O-2 Oct 21, 2019

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MALLON

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: On [Aug 1, 2016](#), the City Council discussed a Policy Order that was brought forward following a series of violent incidents that had taken place near Central Square and the Port that had left residents of those areas feeling particularly rattled, particularly [in the wake of the murder of Anthony Clay](#); and

WHEREAS: That Policy Order stated that the office of then-Mayor Simmons had “...held public meetings focusing upon ways of bringing community leaders and stakeholders together to proactively curb the increase in violence that has typically been seen in Cambridge and other cities during the summer months,” and that one of the suggestions stemming from these meetings was that the City and the Cambridge Housing Authority might wish to pilot a program that would bring additional security officers to CHA buildings, similar to a program that had recently been conducted in Boston; and

WHEREAS: The Aug 1, 2016 Policy Order also stated that “...there is a sense that having additional officers who are stationed in and focused exclusively upon building stronger relationships around Cambridge Housing Authority properties could have an appreciable impact upon reducing the opportunities for violent episodes” in those buildings and making the tenants feel safer; and

WHEREAS: Unfortunately, that Policy Order was met with resistance and was referred to a committee, yet the concerns around building security from tenants in CHA buildings in Central Square and the Port very much remain a constant, and tenants in these buildings have been making renewed requests to members of the City Council to help bring about new security measures in these buildings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Police Commissioner, the Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority, and all other pertinent individuals to determine the feasibility of piloting a program of assigning additional security officers to work collaboratively with and exclusively within Cambridge Housing Authority premises in and near Central Square and the Port, and to report back to the City Council on this in a timely manner.

O-3 Oct 21, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has opened many dedicated off-leash areas, shared-use off-leash areas, and shared-use hour dog parks throughout the city; and

WHEREAS: These parks offer great opportunities not only for dogs, but for human socialization and community building; and

WHEREAS: Despite these opportunities being supported by many in the community, there are sometimes concerns and issues raised; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to form a “Dog Park Working Group” with representatives from neighborhoods throughout the City to discuss dog park issues, as well as other ways in which the City can be more canine friendly.

O-4 Oct 21, 2019

COUNCILLOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: In Fall 2019, the Cambridge Police Department officially unveiled the Police Cadet Program, which is designed for Cambridge residents between the ages of 18-23 who are interested in pursuing a career in public safety which offers excellent salaries, benefits and provides a meaningful way to serve our community; and

WHEREAS: The Police Department has seen an increase in Cambridge residency and diversity in the first class of the Police Cadet Program; and

WHEREAS: Members of the Cambridge Fire Department leadership and the fire safety team have expressed interest in creating a similar cadet program to provide a pathway into the Fire Department for Cambridge residents, as well as increase racial and gender diversity; and

WHEREAS: Creating the Fire Cadet Program would require a Home Rule Petition to be submitted to and approved by the Massachusetts State Legislature; and

WHEREAS: Preparations for Fiscal Year 2021 are now being made, and considerations would have to be made for funding the Fire Cadet Program; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to draft Home Rule Petition language for a Fire Cadet Program similar to the language used in the Police Department Home Rule Petition; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Cambridge Fire Department, Human Resources, and other relevant departments to determine the feasibility of instituting and funding a Fire Cadet Program; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council before the end of the calendar year.

O-5 Oct 21, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that some dogs who use the Tudor Street Dog Park have become ill after ingesting the small stones which make up the surface of the park, which can turn into a cement-like substance once ingested; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Public Works and any other relevant departments to evaluate changing the surface of this park to eliminate this potential hazard and to report back to the City Council.

O-6 Oct 21, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the sidewalks near 670 Huron Avenue are showing signs of degradation and may constitute a tripping hazard for pedestrians, especially seniors; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Public Works and residents of Fresh Pond Place to ensure that any hazards are mitigated before winter, to include the potential resurfacing of the most weathered sections of sidewalk.

O-7 Oct 21, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Cambridge has in recent years replaced natural surfaces such as grass with artificial turf at numerous playing fields and playgrounds including all of the soccer fields at Danehy Park; and

WHEREAS: The rationale for replacing grass with synthetic turf is that it affords more hours of play in all seasons and requires less water and maintenance to keep the fields playable and smooth, but plastic turf also holds more heat and cannot absorb stormwater runoff; and

WHEREAS: Public health advocates have long raised concerns about artificial turf pellets (especially non-organic fill, which in some cases is composed of "crumb rubber" sourced from used tires); the fill simulates the resiliency of natural grass but has been shown to contain benzene, cadmium, and other known carcinogens; and

WHEREAS: Artificial turf is manufactured from petroleum-based materials and when it wears out it must be removed it cannot be recycled; and

WHEREAS: Recently the Ecology Center, a nonprofit environmental research group in Michigan, and the New England office of Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, conducted a series of tests on artificial turf blades discarded in Franklin (MA), artificial turf blades in use on a high school field in Easton (MA), and samples of new artificial turf blades acquired from distributors; and

WHEREAS: These tests showed that the plastic blades contained elevated levels of per- and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals (PFAS), which have been linked to kidney cancer, low infant birth weights, and a range of diseases; and

WHEREAS: Known as "forever chemicals" that never fully biodegrade, PFAS are also used in flame retardants, nonstick pans, clothing and furniture, and even in very low concentrations PFAS can be harmful and can contaminate the groundwater supply; and

WHEREAS: Based on this testing, MassDEP is reviewing the related Wetlands Protection Act complaint filed in Franklin, where a large amount of discarded turf was left in close proximity to a wetland area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Public Health, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Human Services and any other relevant staff to review all the City's policies and procedures related to the procurement, installation and disposal of artificial turf, and to report back to the City Council on these new health concerns no later than the final regular meeting of 2019.

O-8 Oct 21, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: [New commercial services such as Yoshi and Fild are offering on-demand fueling through mobile apps](#) for vehicle owners to get their gas tanks filled at home or at their office instead of at service stations; and

WHEREAS: On-demand mobile fueling [has been controversial with fire marshals in other cities including Seattle](#), and one of the

services (Yoshi) was issued a cease and desist order by the Mass State Fire Marshal in 2018; and

WHEREAS: Recently the state fire marshal board voted to adopt provisions from 2018 NFPA 1 for mobile fueling; and

WHEREAS: The State Fire Marshal announced in under 527 CMR 1:00-42.10 that in addition to complying with the code, mobile fueling companies must obtain general approval from the State Fire Marshal's Office and then apply to each jurisdiction where they intend to operate in order to create consistency and to streamline the approval process for businesses; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Fire Department and its Fire Prevention Bureau could potentially receive an application from one of these mobile fueling services; and

WHEREAS: Making it more convenient for car owners to fill up their tanks invites trucks carrying flammables into residential and other areas, where fuel could spill, posing a health and fire hazard; and

WHEREAS: Many car owners do not have off-street parking and might want to have their cars filled while parked on the street or in public garages, raising additional curb management conflicts and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS: There is no compelling public interest in allowing such a service to operate in a city whose climate action goals are to decarbonize the transportation sector by encouraging the use of sustainable mobility options; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in opposition to permitting on-demand mobile fueling services to operate in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the attached proposed zoning amendments to Articles 2.00 and 4.32 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance be referred to the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board for a hearing and report; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Law Department to review the proposed language and if applicable, provide any legal opinion or response at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing.

O-9 Oct 21, 2019
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MALLON
MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Residents in the affordable units at 808-812 Memorial Drive belonging to Homeowners Rehab Inc. (HRI) and managed by Wingate Companies are being asked to convert their units from HUD 236 moderate income vouchers to Cambridge Housing Authority project-based vouchers in connection with the property owner's refinancing plan; and

WHEREAS: Many of the tenants are elderly and/or immigrants who speak English as a second language, and some do not feel they have received enough information and neutral guidance about how this voucher conversion and the related renovations could affect their future housing stability and costs; and

WHEREAS: Tenants were notified in mid-September of this change and were asked to commit to the new project-based vouchers by Oct 31, 2019; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Housing Liaison, housing staff in the Community Development Department, the Cambridge Housing Authority, CEOC, HRI, Wingate Companies, and the 808-812 Memorial

Drive Tenants Association to provide immediate multi-lingual and individualized guidance and counseling to the tenants at 808-812 Memorial Drive, so that they can make fully informed decisions about their housing choices.