

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Executive Department/Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative (DGBVPI) Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support the Elder Abuse prevention partnership with Transition House.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-52, regarding a report on the Cambridge Retirement Board divesting from all fossil fuel companies.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as alternate members of the Cambridge Historical Commission for a term of three years: Paula Paris and Gavin Kleespies.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Family Policy Council effective Oct 23, 2017: Elaina Wolfson, Uma Edulbehram, Naia Aubourg, Tagesech Wabeto & Ben Clark.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a communication from the Planning Board relative to the Christopher D. Smith, et al., zoning petition regarding graduate student housing production associated with development in the proposed PUD-7 district. [The Planning Board makes no recommendation at this time, but offers some comments.]
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to [information in response to discussion at the Ordinance Committee hearing of Oct 17, 2017 regarding the Volpe Petition.](#)

## 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.
8. An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge on Beekeeping. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Nov 6, 2017. Planning Board hearing held on Oct 3, 2017. Petition expires Jan 3, 2018.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from John Bufe, regarding support of MIT's zoning petition (VOLPE).
2. A communication was received from Peter Miller, regarding support of MIT's zoning petition (VOLPE).
3. A communication was received from Alice Friedman, 6 Perry Street, regarding vote against curb cut at 8 Perry Street.
4. A communication was received from Steven Darwin, regarding Cambridge Street bike lane affecting business.
5. A communication was received from The leadership team of the Inman Square Neighborhood, clarify ISNA's stance regarding the Bend Northside Inman Square reconfiguration.
6. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, Individually, and as Chair, Friends of the White Geese, regarding bees, trees and poisons.
7. A communication was received from Sandra Rosen, 5 Roberts Road, regarding bicycle safety, bicycle lanes.
8. Sundry communications received regarding Tree Canopy.
9. A communication was received from Rose Robb, 17B Green Street, regarding increase graduate housing.
10. A communication was received from Sheli Wortis, 106 Berkshire Street, call on MIT for more graduate student housing.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Cambridge At Home on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary. Councillor Devereux

2. Resolution on the death of Marian Cannon Schlesinger. Councillor Devereux
3. Condolences to Kit Rawlins on the death of her mother, Laura A. Burns. Mayor Simmons
4. Congratulations to The Honorable Alice Wolf on the occasion of being honored at the Massachusetts Advocates for Children Annual Celebrating Voices Gala. Councillor Devereux

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is advised that ensuring the safety of cyclists at intersections is of critical importance to the Council, and providing for that safety will require a review of the causes and response to these two listed collisions, as well as other collisions and near collisions. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Devereux
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Police Commissioner to work with the relevant City staffers to convene a “Meet Your Neighborhood Sergeant Event” in a central Port neighborhood location, such as the Fletcher Maynard Academy. Mayor Simmons
3. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Director of Traffic, Parking, and Transportation to review the use concurrent walk signals at intersections with significant foot and vehicle traffic in the interest of pedestrian safety. Councillor Devereux
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to update the City Council on the plan for snow removal relating to the new infrastructure in Cambridge. Councillor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City staff to determine the feasibility of placing “No Smoking” and “No Littering” signage throughout Clement Morgan Park as well as greater lighting and trimming of tree branches. Mayor Simmons
6. Support of Representative Provost and the Cambridge Legislative Delegation’s efforts to pass a Right of First Refusal Bill. Councillor Carlone

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public hearing held on Sept 27, 2017 to discuss with the universities seamless communication about appropriate preparations for university events that may have an impact on outside university campuses.
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 3, 2017 to continue discussion on a zoning petition by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to create a new Planned Unit Development Overlay District (PUD-7) over the area known as the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center site in Kendall Square; said discussion to include the Planning Board and Community Development’s response to the petition and staff recommendations as to changes and remaining issues to resolve and any other matter that comes before the committee.

3. 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 17, 2017 hearing to continue discussion on a zoning petition by MIT 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 of the Letter of Commitment.

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

1. A communication was received from Councillor Craig A. Kelley, regarding mitigating the impact of helicopter noise over Cambridge neighborhoods.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting the Letter of Commitment from Massachusetts Institute of Technology relating to the amended zoning petition for PUD-7 District for the Volpe Transportation Center Site.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Oct 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, Oct 25**

2:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to review the City Manager’s selection of Victoria Bergland as the tenant representative on the Cambridge Housing Authority’s Board of Commissioners and will also begin reviewing the Comprehensive Housing Policy that was referred to this committee by the City Council at the Sept 18, 2017 meeting. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Oct 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Nov 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Nov 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, Nov 15**

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

##### **Mon, Nov 20**

5:30pm City Council Roundtable/Working Meeting to receive an update on Envision Cambridge. No public comment. No votes will be taken. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Nov 27**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Dec 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Dec 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Dec 18**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 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)

**Mon, June 4**  
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 11**  
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 18**  
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 25**  
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Oct 23, 2017  
COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX  
WHEREAS: Cambridge has recently installed both protected and unprotected bicycle lanes in various places; and  
WHEREAS: Automotive turning movements of some sort and other movement through intersections have historically caused the vast majority of bicycle collisions in Cambridge and still present hazards to cyclists despite the new lanes; and

WHEREAS: There have been at least two bicycle collisions in these newly installed lanes during the month of October, one at Russell Street/Massachusetts Avenue and one at Wendell Street/Massachusetts Avenue; and

WHEREAS: It is not clear how City staff are collecting data on these and other collisions, as well as near misses, and using that data to evaluate the safety of the various bike lane pilot projects, especially as they impact safety at intersections and during turning movements; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager is advised that ensuring the safety of cyclists at intersections is of critical importance to the Council, and providing for that safety will require a review of the causes and response to these two listed collisions, as well as other collisions and near collisions.

O-2 Oct 23, 2017  
MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: A number of residents have recently reached out to the Mayor's Office seeking clarity over whom the official Neighborhood Sergeant is for the Port neighborhood; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Police Commissioner to work with the relevant City staffers to convene a "Meet Your Neighborhood Sergeant Event" in a central Port neighborhood location, such as the Fletcher Maynard Academy, and to report back to the City Council and the Port neighborhood residents on when and where this meeting shall take place.

O-3 Oct 23, 2017  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: Residents have expressed concern about the City's use of "concurrent" walk signals at busy intersections with high foot traffic; and

WHEREAS: Concurrent walk signals are designed to allow vehicles to turn right or left while a WALK signal is showing for pedestrians, but vehicles are required to yield to anyone in the crosswalk; and

WHEREAS: This allows vehicles and pedestrians to use the intersection at the same time, which keeps traffic flowing and can allow for a longer WALK signal for pedestrians to safely cross; and

WHEREAS: There are safety concerns about this practice at several intersections that see a high volume of cars and pedestrians, including Massachusetts Avenue at Wendell Street and Shepard Street, where vehicles and pedestrians can come into conflict; and

WHEREAS: The City has adopted a Vision Zero policy, which includes pedestrian safety and must be reconciled with the desire to keep traffic queues manageable at slower speeds; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Director of Traffic, Parking, and Transportation to review the use of this policy at intersections with significant foot and vehicle traffic in the interest of pedestrian safety.

O-4 Oct 23, 2017  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: In regards to the new infrastructure being built on streets in Cambridge, many residents have expressed concerns about what to do when it starts snowing; and

WHEREAS: There has been recent discussion by the City Council regarding the option of snow removal as opposed to the piling up of snow; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to update the City Council on the plan for snow removal and report back to the City Council immediately.

O-5 Oct 23, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Residents in and near Clement Morgan Park have voiced their appreciation for the City's renewed focus on keeping this park clean, safe, and more accessible to families and the general public, and have asked that the City continue on in these efforts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City staff to determine the feasibility of placing "No Smoking" and "No Littering" signage throughout Clement Morgan Park; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City staff to establish greater lighting of the park, and more thorough and regular trimming of tree branches in the park, to improve visibility and safety in Clement Morgan Park during the evening hours; and be it further

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

O-6 Oct 23, 2017

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: State Representative Denise Provost is the lead sponsor of House Bill 3017, An Act to Preserve Affordable Housing Through a Local Option Tenant's Right to Purchase; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Legislative Delegation, including State Senator Pat Jehlen, State Representative Mike Connolly, State Representative Marjorie Decker and State Representative Dave Rogers are all signed on as sponsors to said bill; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recently promoted the idea of tenant's right of first refusal as part of their affordable housing strategy; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and the entire region is facing an affordable housing crisis; and

WHEREAS: The Right of First Refusal bill represents an opportunity for home ownership and limited displacement at no cost to the city or property owner; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on the record supporting Representative Provost and the Cambridge Legislative Delegation's efforts to pass a Right of First Refusal Bill.