

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$300,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Department Extraordinary Expenditures Account to fund strategic and technical advisory services to position the City to procure a 100% renewable electricity supply.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$250,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (Insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Public Works Travel & Training (Judgment and Damages) account which will cover medical bills and settlements for Public Works personnel injured in the course of their job.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$109,376.50 received in energy rebates, to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Department Extraordinary Expenditures account and will be used to supplement the FY20 public investment appropriation to support energy efficiency projects at school and City buildings.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$245,000 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to support the construction of the O'Connell Library Pocket Park. This appropriation is supported through funds received from the following sources: \$25,000 from the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) Forward Fund Grant; \$75,000 from the East Cambridge Open Space Trust; and \$145,000 from Free Cash.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits Salary and Wages account (Insurance) to the General Fund Electrical Travel and Training account (Judgments and Damages) to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for personnel injured in performance of their duties.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Library Extraordinary Expenditures account which will fund the purchase of a new Library truck.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$350,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Library Extraordinary Expenditures account. This appropriation will fund a feasibility study and interior improvements to the Central Square Branch Library.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-30, regarding traffic safety concerns on Madison Avenue.

9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the request for two appropriations of \$23,000,000 from Free Cash and \$7,000,000 from Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for the Foundry project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 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]
2. 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 Brett Owens, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 579 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
2. An application was received from Andrew Lafuente, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 27 Brattle Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
3. An application was received from Clover Food Lab, requesting permission for one internally illuminated projecting sign at the premises numbered 496 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
4. An application was received from Mark Hanlon, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 90 Jackson 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.
5. An application was received from Cambridge Trust, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 353 Huron Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Gregg Moree, 25 Fairfield Street, regarding watch out for Vote #1 and Vote #2.
2. An anonymous communication was received, regarding many concerns about the noise and environmental impact.

3. A communication was received from Willa Hammitt Brown, regarding Policy Order #3 and #5.
4. A communication was received from Mark Siebold, regarding support for the surface at Tudor Street dog park.
5. A communication was received from Leigh Netcoh, regarding Policy Order #3 and #5.
6. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding major expansion of DCR's reprehensible destruction at Magazine Beach.
7. A communication was received from Lorissa Mahoney, regarding Dog park updates.
8. A communication was received from Stoecklein Pierson, regarding Policy Order #8.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Fred Lewis. Councillor Zondervan
2. Congratulations to Brittney Morris on Her New Novel "Slay." Councillor Simmons
3. Resolution on the death of Edna DiFraia. Councillor Toomey
4. Get Well Wishes to Arlene Reed-Delaney. Councillor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Maria Barros. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a proposed plan for implementation of a pilot off-leash dog shared use morning hours program at Sacramento Field to start by the end of Fall 2019. Mayor McGovern, Vice Mayor Devereux
2. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Mayor McGovern for a suitable public dedication for Vincent and Santa Saia in the vicinity of Inman Square. Mayor McGovern
3. That the City Manager is requested to review the existing internal mechanisms for City staffers in all departments to report grievances, to determine if this system is functioning as it should or whether changes should be considered. Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Manager is requested to install hearing loop technology inside the Sullivan Chamber as part of the upcoming renovations to City Hall, and in other critical City meeting venues wherever possible and other accessibility improvements. Councillor Zondervan
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff on the need and feasibility of instituting traffic-calming and safety measures at Magazine Street at Upton Street. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Siddiqui

6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff regarding the feasibility of reinstating a stop light or other major traffic-calming safety measures at the Raymond Street and Walden Street pedestrian crossing. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Siddiqui
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff and report back to the City Council on the feasibility of installing a "Do Not Enter Except Local Residents" or similar sign on Mead Street at Walden Street. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate School Department and City Officials as well as organizations such as the Urban Area Security Initiative and the Southern Poverty Law Center to determine Cambridge's threat level from hate crimes and other related events. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Siddiqui
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff on determining the most appropriate signage and messaging that would best educate cyclists on the importance of following traffic laws, particularly stopping at red lights, for their own safety and the safety of other cyclists and pedestrians. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone
10. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Department of Public Works to determine what facilities, parking changes, and other improvements to the pavement conditions would be necessary and feasible to make Porter Square and Massachusetts Avenue between Roseland Street and Beech Street a quick-build Complete Street with bus priority. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 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 24, 2019 to discuss the City policy on sidewalk surface treatments as discussed in Policy Order #16 of July 30, 2019.

Order. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Public Works to make it a priority to repair sidewalks, particularly legacy brick sidewalks and asphalt patches, to ensure full compliance with ADA requirements, and bring any necessary appropriations to the City Council in order to accomplish this purpose. Councillor Zondervan

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Marc C. McGovern, transmitting membership of a newly formed My Brothers' Keeper Cambridge Taskforce.
2. A communication was received from Mayor McGovern, transmitting a report, "[The Kind of City which is Desirable and Obtainable:](#)" [A brief history of zoning in Cambridge.](#)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 28

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

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

5:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will meet to discuss the findings of the Urban Forest Master Plan task force. (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](#))

5:00pm 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 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](#))

Wed, Dec 11

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Harvard Square Zoning Petition. (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 28, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The City Manager and the Community Development Department provided an update and communication to the public on Aug 28, 2019, that no decision has been made on Sacramento Field off-leash dog pilot program and no further timeline has been communicated; and

WHEREAS: A Sacramento Field community group has formed to support the City and the Agassiz neighborhood in the implementation of an off-leash shared-use morning hours dog pilot program; and

WHEREAS: This community group has had communication and conversation with the Agassiz Neighborhood Council, the Maria Baldwin School, abutters, and neighbors in regards to an off-leash shared-use morning hours dog pilot program at Sacramento Field and found the overwhelming majority to be supportive or a neutral party in regards to such a pilot; and

WHEREAS: Concerns about student safety are addressed by only allowing early morning hours in the pilot program, and by Sacramento Field being across the street and several houses away from the Maria Baldwin School; and

WHEREAS: This community outreach has led to a digital petition signed by 114 individuals (Attached), many of whom are abutters or frequent the park with their children and dogs on-leash already; and

WHEREAS: In 2015, the Off-Leash Working Group published final recommendations in support of further off-leash programs being developed throughout the City, identifying Sacramento Field as a space that should be considered for off leash opportunities (including shared use and or dedicated spaces); and

WHEREAS: The Off-Leash Working Group also recommended the use of social media tools and more proactive outreach; the Sacramento Field community group has already created and regularly use Facebook, Instagram, and Google Groups to communicate updates, current conditions, lost items, and Cambridge dog rules and etiquette; and

WHEREAS: An off-leash dog program is demonstrated to help build community, these efforts have already and will

continue to build strong connections and communications between neighbors - both homeowners and renters - and local organizations; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a proposed plan for implementation of a pilot off-leash dog shared use morning hours program at Sacramento Field to start by the end of Fall 2019.

O-2 Oct 28, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Mayor McGovern for a suitable public dedication for Vincent and Santa Saia in the vicinity of Inman Square; and be it further

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

O-3 Oct 28, 2019

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Those who live, work, and conduct business within the City of Cambridge have the right to seek out and access their elected representatives to share their thoughts, voice their concerns, and air their grievances without restrictions; and

WHEREAS: While the City Council does not have a direct role in the City's personnel matters, and while the City Charter gives the City Manager the ultimate authority in matters related to the hiring, firing, and disciplining of most City employees, City employees have, at times, sought out their local elected representatives to voice concerns about how they have been treated by their supervisors, and about the City's system for filing, investigating, and resolving employee grievances; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the existing internal mechanisms for City staffers in all departments to report grievances, to determine if this system is functioning as it should or whether changes should be considered, and to report back to the City Council on this matter by the end of this calendar year.

O-4 Oct 28, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been invested in making City Council meetings and other public events accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS: Hearing loops bring sound directly into a listeners' telecoil-enabled hearing aids or cochlear implant, improving clarity and understanding; and

WHEREAS: Hearing loops provide easy, immediate, and discreet communication access for people with hearing loss; and

WHEREAS: An online stenographic record of all City Council meetings, including committee meetings, is optimal for people with hearing loss as it would be more accurate than video captions and more complete than meeting minutes; and

WHEREAS: The City already provides a stenographic record for BZA and other building-related hearings; and

WHEREAS: 22-Cityview began streaming meetings on YouTube in March 2018 [at the request](#) of the City Council, but stopped doing so in January 2019; and

WHEREAS: Many municipalities have made use of popular online streaming platforms to improve accessibility and further engage residents who may not subscribe to cable television; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to install hearing loop technology inside the Sullivan Chamber as part of the upcoming renovations to City Hall, and in other critical City meeting venues wherever possible; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an online stenographic record of all City Council meetings, including committee meetings; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with 22-Cityview to restore live-streaming of City Council meetings on YouTube; and be it further

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

O-5 Oct 28, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Recently, a 10 year old boy was hit by a car while crossing Magazine Street at Upton Street in the crosswalk, as the driver did not yield or was traveling too fast to notice the boy; and

WHEREAS: Pedestrians in the crosswalk crossing Magazine Street at the junction of Upton Street are frequently ignored by motorists, regardless of where the pedestrian is in the crosswalk; and

WHEREAS: This is a commonly traveled route to and from school and other areas in the neighborhood, and the space is very active with children; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on the need and feasibility of instituting traffic calming safety measures to include a “Pedestrian Crossing” sign as currently exist at multiple locations on Huron Avenue or Brattle Street to make the pedestrian crossing of Magazine Street at Upton Street more predictably safe for pedestrians.

O-6 Oct 28, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Recently, several children were crossing the street at the Raymond Street and Walden Street intersection and were reportedly nearly hit by a car; and

WHEREAS: Even with a raised intersection and other traffic calming measures, pedestrian crossing at that intersection can be very dangerous at times; and

WHEREAS: This is a commonly traveled route to and from the highly utilized and abutting Raymond Park and other areas in the neighborhood, maximized by the railroad underpass by the Tennis and Basketball court complex, and the space is very active with children; and

WHEREAS: In years past, there was a traditional traffic light to help manage motor vehicle and pedestrian flow, but the light has since been removed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on the feasibility of reinstating a stop light or other major traffic calming safety measures to make the pedestrian crossing of Raymond Street at Walden Street more predictably safe for pedestrians.

O-7 Oct 28, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Motor vehicle traffic in historically low-use residential areas has worsened in recent years, enabled by traffic and navigation smartphone apps that redirect navigation to less used roads; and

WHEREAS: Mead Street, which at times, bottlenecks and can only accommodate one-way traffic, is a prime example of the negative effects of redirected motor vehicle traffic, with traffic moving down Mead Street and filling up Cogswell Avenue; and

WHEREAS: Mead Street and Cogswell Avenue may benefit from a “Do Not Enter Except Local Residents” or a similar sign posted at the intersection of Mead and Walden Streets to limit access during rush hour; and

WHEREAS: Navigation devices create similar traffic patterns at many streets in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff and report back to the City Council on the feasibility of installing a “Do Not Enter Except Local Residents” or similar sign on Mead Street at Walden Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff and report back to the City Council on how staff works with navigation companies to alleviate traffic in low-use residential

neighborhoods or redirects traffic based on preferred or new traffic patterns throughout the City.

O-8 Oct 28, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Counts of hate crimes, hate speech, and other related events have been on the rise in recent years; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is not immune to these incidents as physical attacks, vandalism and damage to property, and hate speech have been documented or reported in some fashion in recent months, including events in the Cambridge Public School System; and

WHEREAS: Preventing hate crimes, hate speech, and other related events in Cambridge is paramount in cultivating a safe, equitable, and welcoming city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate School Department and City Officials as well as organizations such as the Urban Area Security Initiative and the Southern Poverty Law Center to determine Cambridge's threat level from hate crimes and other related events and what an appropriate response might be; and be it further

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

O-9 Oct 28, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Motor vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian collisions are a leading cause of injury and death, and human error is overwhelmingly the main contributory factor; and

WHEREAS: Cyclists can be easily overpowered and injured by their larger motor vehicle counterparts and can also overpower and injure other cyclists and pedestrians, especially when operating outside of the law; and

WHEREAS: Obeying the law helps minimize chaos on the streets and protects motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians from injury and death; and

WHEREAS: Laws are intended to protect all users but may not always be explicitly understood, and better front-line education is needed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff on determining the most appropriate signage and messaging that would best educate cyclists on the importance of following such traffic laws, particularly stopping at red lights, for their own safety and the safety of other cyclists and pedestrians; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested report back to the City Council on the ability to install signage at 20 intersections throughout the City before the end of 2019.

O-10 Oct 28, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Bicycle Plan shows Massachusetts Avenue as having separation between Roseland Street and Beech Street; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recently ordained the Cycling Safety Ordinance, which prioritizes connectivity in creating a network of protected bike lanes; and

WHEREAS: Porter Square has a high number of crashes according to the City's Crash Analysis Report; and

WHEREAS: The City has implemented quick-build protected bike lanes on other segments to reduce crash rates in keeping with their Vision Zero commitment; and

WHEREAS: The City has a Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance calling for reducing the number of trips by single-occupancy vehicles and encouraging efficient use of mass transit, bicycling, and walking; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department, the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Department of Public Works to determine what facilities, parking changes, and other improvements to the pavement conditions would be necessary and feasible to make Porter Square and Massachusetts Avenue between Roseland Street and Beech Street a quick-build Complete Street with bus priority; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on the public process and timeline that will be used to implement these changes.