

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a COVID-19 update.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$100,000, from Free Cash to the General Fund Executive Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support the City's Patio Heater Reimbursement Program.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-46, regarding a report on traffic measures on Concord Avenue.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-55, regarding a report on visitor parking in permit Area 14.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-42, regarding enforcement of illegal parking in front of LBJ Apartments on Erie Street.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative draft alternative language to the Green Energy Analysis Zoning Petition.

Suggested Language

Insert a new Paragraph 22.25.1 (c) (6) in the "Net Zero Narrative" submission requirements to read as follows:

"(6) an assessment of energy systems that do not consume fossil fuels on-site (to include solar photovoltaics and hot water, ground source, water source or air source heat pumps, district energy systems, and/or similar systems) that examines technical feasibility to meet the projected HVAC and domestic hot water demands of the building based on the information provided in 22.25.1(c)(2), and cost of installation taking into account incentives provided in 22.25.1(c)(5), all compared to code-compliant energy systems that consume fossil fuels on-site."

Because such an assessment requires time to complete before a final application can be submitted, staff recommends that this additional paragraph take effect 90 days after the date of adoption. That way, development proposals that are early in the pre-application review process can begin to incorporate this requirement immediately, but proposals that are in the later stages of review will not be unreasonably affected.

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request for approval to increase of the fee for a Resident Parking Permit/Pass, which is currently \$25.00, to \$40.00, by amending the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 10.17.070 of the Municipal Code.
"Due in large part to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and resultant decrease in parking meter revenues, the Parking Fund revenues for the Traffic, Parking and

Transportation Department have suffered significantly this year. Accordingly, I am writing to request that you approve the increase of the fee for a Resident Parking Permit/Pass from \$25.00 to \$40.00, by amending the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 10.17.070 of the Municipal Code. The current fee of \$25.00 per Resident Parking Permit/Pass was established effective with 2013 permits. The fee has historically been adjusted from time to time as costs rise, and this type of change is also in keeping with our overall transportation and sustainability goals. The \$40.00 fee more accurately reflects current costs. I request that consideration be given so that if approved, the City could implement this change prior to the 2021 renewal season, which effectively starts on Dec 1, 2020 when the City opens the permit application portal."

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Council adopt a municipal ordinance to reduce or limit 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. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS IN COUNCIL OCT 26, 2020]
2. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with the Solicitor to draft Ordinance language to prohibit the use of tear gas in Cambridge. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS IN COUNCIL OCT 26, 2020]

ON THE TABLE

3. Green Energy Analysis Zoning Amendment. [TABLED ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR CARLONE IN COUNCIL OCT 5, 2020]
4. An application was received from Charles Doty, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 810 Main 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. [TABLED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS IN COUNCIL OCT 26, 2020]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. 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]
6. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City of Cambridge Law Department to review the above changes to the language of the Domestic Partnerships Ordinance and report back to the Council. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020. TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER SEPT 14, 2020]

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a response to Policy Order O-13 of Oct 5, 2020, regarding a draft Truck Safety Ordinance. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL OCT 19, 2020. TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER NOV 9, 2020]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Jesse Aguilar, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 87 Cambridge Park Drive; 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Micheal K. Owu, MIT Volpe PUD-7 Special Permit Pre-Application Conference with the City Council.
2. A communication was received from Adam Day, regarding Transfer Tax.
3. A communication was received from Genevieve and Joseph Coyle, regarding 2% Tax.
4. A communication was received from Justin Saif, regarding Anti-Gay incident.
5. A communication was received from Lee Farris, regarding resident alliance on preventing evictions.
6. A communication was received from Louise Gluck, 14 Ellsworth Park, thanking the City Council for their resolution.
7. A communication was received from Lee Farris, regarding support for Home Rule Petition for a Real Estate Transfer Fee.
8. A communication was received from Elizabeth Warren, expressing thanks to the City Council for their resolution for her brother Donald Reed.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Associate Justice Kimberly Budd. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui
2. Resolution on the death of Rick Jarvis. Councillor Simmons
3. Resolution on the Death of Richard McKinnon. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern
4. Congratulations to Fred Fantini. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
5. That this City Council goes on record urging all residents to honor the men and women who have defended our country, as well as those who are serving today by commemorating Veterans' Day on Wed, Nov 11, 2020. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. Policy Order Seeking Suitable Dedication for Eurie Stamps, Sr. Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to commence the public process with the Port neighborhood and surrounding communities to determine the future use of the 35 Cherry Street parcel for affordable housing, and in conjunction with the community, determine the type of housing that would meet the most pressing needs in the area. Councillor Simmons
3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Public Information Office, the Housing Liaison, the Multiservice Center, the School Department, and other relevant City departments to create a comprehensive digital, postal, and traditional media outreach campaign educating residents on the Cambridge eviction moratorium, tenants' rights, and resources available to at-risk tenants. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui
4. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request for a suitable dedication in the vicinity of CCTV's office located at 438 Massachusetts Avenue in honor of retiring CCTV Executive Director Susan Fleischmann. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
5. That the City Manager is hereby requested to direct the appropriate City staff to light up City Hall teal on Thurs, Nov 5, 2020, to raise awareness and support for those affected by Alzheimer's Disease. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons
6. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the relevant departments about the feasibility of posting all applications for building permits online as soon as available. Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern
7. That a Joint Roundtable for members of the City Council and School Committee be held on Tues, Nov 10, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for the purpose of discussing the impact of COVID-19 on Cambridge Public Schools. Mayor Siddiqui
8. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department about analyzing eviction data from 2018 through 2021 and come back with a plan on how to use this data to inform our next action steps. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor Simmons, transmitting a memorandum regarding Cambridge Brands Curb Cut.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, Communicating information from the School Committee.

3. A communication was received from Councillor Simmons, transmitting a memorandum Mass Housing Coalition Pledge.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Nov 2

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

Mon, Nov 9

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

Tues, Nov 10

10:00am The Health and Environment Committee will meet to continue discussing amending the Tree Protection Ordinance based on the findings of the Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Thurs, Nov 12

10:00am The Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing on to discuss the Municipal Broadband Feasibility Study RFP. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the PUD-CDK District Zoning. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Nov 16

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

Tues, Nov 17

2:30pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing on decorum of the Council, as well as the rules around and duties of the Council Aides. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Thurs, Nov 19

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the KSURP Zoning Ordinance Amendment. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Nov 23

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

Mon, Nov 30

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

Wed, Dec 2

5:00pm The Public Safety Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on the Cambridge Police Department inventory list. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Dec 7

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

Mon, Dec 14

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

Mon, Dec 21

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

Mon, Dec 28

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

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Nov 2, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Simmons for a street corner dedication in the vicinity of the corner of Brookline Street and Valentine Street in honor of the late Eurie Stamps, Sr.; 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-2 Nov 2, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Increasing the availability of affordable housing is a major community need and remains a primary goal of the City Council; and

WHEREAS: The City's comprehensive plan, Envision Cambridge, reiterates increasing affordable housing as a community goal and includes an action item to prioritize using City and other public property available for disposition to develop affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: As part of a 2013 agreement related to the PUD-5 rezoning, MIT conveyed the parcel at 35 Cherry Street (Assessor's Lot #75-118) to the City; and

WHEREAS: This agreement stipulated that use of the property shall be determined through a public process conducted by the Community Development Department; and

WHEREAS: There is a variety of different types of housing that would be beneficial to the neighborhood and the city as a whole, ranging from workforce housing, to LGBTQ+ friendly housing, to transitional housing, to family sized housing and homeownership units; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to commence the public process with the Port neighborhood and surrounding communities to determine the future use of the 35 Cherry Street parcel for affordable housing, and in conjunction with the community, determine the type of housing that would meet the most pressing needs in the area; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council formally go on record in urging that this community process be truly inclusive, and that every effort is made to engage with diverse voices throughout the community in these discussions.

O-3 Nov 2, 2020

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Massachusetts' statewide eviction moratorium expired on October 17th, 2020, but [Cambridge's municipal eviction moratorium](#) remains in effect until further notice; and

WHEREAS: Evictions always pose a significant public health risk to our residents through housing destabilization and financial impact, but evictions are an even greater public health concern amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, as evicted residents may 'double up,' leading to increased household transmission, or become homeless; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge eviction moratorium prevents constables from forcibly carrying out an eviction order, but residents may not be aware of nor fully understand the rights they have under the moratorium, and may be misled to incorrectly believe they must leave their home; and

WHEREAS: The Multiservice Center, the City Manager's Housing Liaison Office, and community organizations offer free housing support, financial assistance, case management, referrals, legal

services, and more, but tenants similar may not be aware that these resources exist; and

WHEREAS: While some housing professionals were sent an informational letter, and there are plans to send out a postcard on tenant protection to all households, the City must quickly develop a robust virtual outreach strategy using all means of communication, especially social media and CPS communication channels, in order to truly educate and protect tenants' health and housing stability; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Public Information Office, the Housing Liaison, the Multiservice Center, the School Department, and other relevant City departments to create a comprehensive digital, postal, and traditional media outreach campaign educating residents on the Cambridge eviction moratorium, tenants' rights, and resources available to at-risk tenants; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter by the November 9th regular meeting.

O-4 Nov 2, 2020

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request for a suitable dedication in the vicinity of CCTV's office located at 438 Massachusetts Avenue in honor of retiring CCTV Executive Director Susan Fleischmann; 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-5 Nov 2, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: National Alzheimer's Disease Month is recognized each November; and

WHEREAS: Over 5 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's Disease, which is a form of dementia, that impacts memory, thinking, and behavior; and

WHEREAS: Alzheimer's Disease ranks as the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. and the most common form of dementia in 60-80% of all diagnosed cases; and

WHEREAS: Light the World in Teal is an annual program held each November as part of Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS: People and places around the world "go teal" to raise awareness and show support for the millions of people affected by Alzheimer's. This year's Light the World in Teal takes place on Nov 5, 2020; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager is hereby requested to direct the appropriate City staff to light up City Hall teal on Thurs, Nov 5, 2020, to raise awareness and support for those affected by Alzheimer's Disease.

O-6 Nov 2, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The city strives to be open and accessible to all and has made a concerted sustained effort through a number of initiatives

to allow residents access to information, including Open Data portal, communication through a variety of media, and

WHEREAS: It is in the interest of the city for all residents to have access to information on building projects and approved building permits are available online through the city's portal; and

WHEREAS: Applications for building permit information is public information, and accessible in person through the records of the Inspection Services Department, but not posted for the public to access safely online, despite being submitted in electronic form, and

WHEREAS: It is in the interest of city residents to know about projects; and

WHEREAS: The Council wants to be at the cutting edge of access to public data; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to consult with the relevant departments about the feasibility of posting all applications for building permits online as soon as available; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to report back to the Council by the end of the calendar year.

O-7 Nov 2, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

ORDERED: That a Joint Roundtable for members of the City Council and School Committee be held on Tues, Nov 10, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for the purpose of discussing the impact of COVID-19 on Cambridge Public Schools; and

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City Departments to televise and record the Joint City Council/School Committee Roundtable.

O-8 Nov 2, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: The Community Development Department has collected pertinent information from the Massachusetts Court System related to the categorization of eviction data by landlord types, and the number of evictions filed between 2013 and 2017; and

WHEREAS: Data on eviction filings during the COVID-19 pandemic is critical information to gather in order to inform the City Council and City Manager's Housing Liaison on ways to prevent eviction filings and pinpoint property owners who have filed numerous evictions; and

WHEREAS: Facilitated discussions between property owners and tenants can reduce or eliminate evictions and lead to solutions that are beneficial for both parties; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department about analyzing eviction data from 2018 through 2021 and come back with a plan on how to use this data to inform our next action steps; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter by December 2020.