

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following persons as members of the Commission on the Status of Women for a term of 3 years, effective Nov 7, 2016: Marjorie Saunders, Susan Yanow, Phyllis Bretholtz
2. A communication transmitted from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a member of the Human Rights Commission for a term of 3 years effective Nov 21, 2016: Sabrina Selk
3. A communication transmitted from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-70, regarding measures the City can take to reimburse the filing fees for individuals who successfully contest their civil traffic tickets in court.
4. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting 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.
5. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Adams Arts Program grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for \$19,250 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support the Cambridge Arts: Creative Marketplace program, which is designed to engage and support individual artists and local arts organizations, and to encourage and track arts participation by the Cambridge-based workforce and employees.
6. A communication transmitted from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-69, regarding the plan to restore the mural at Rindge Field.
7. A communication transmitted from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the reappointments of the following persons as a members of the Cambridge Arts Council Advisory Board for a term of three years, effective Nov 7, 2016: Aliyah Gary, Diane Charyk Norris
8. A communication transmitted from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-71, regarding the feasibility of creating a temporary jobs program geared toward Cambridge's homeless population.
9. A communication transmitted from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-19, regarding feminine hygiene products.
10. A communication transmitted from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, requesting the City Council accept Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, "An Act Modernizing Municipal Finance and Government", Sections 193 and 194 giving municipalities the authority to reduce speed limits on all ways other than state highways.
11. A communication transmitted from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to Council Order No. 15, dated Oct 31, 2016, regarding a Request for Proposal for consultant services related to the visioning, programming, governance, and repurposing of the Harvard Square Kiosk as well as creating a Harvard Square Kiosk Working Group.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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.]

ON THE TABLE

2. An application was received from CareWell Urgent Care, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 601 Concord Avenue. [Tabled on a motion by Councillor Devereux on Apr 25, 2016.]
3. An application was received from Esmeralda, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 54 Church Street. [Tabled on a motion by Councillor Devereux on Apr 25, 2016.]
4. 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.]
5. An application was received from the Boston Ballet, 19 Clarendon Street, Boston, requesting permission to hang twenty-three temporary banners on electrical poles in Harvard Square. These banners will promote the Boston Ballet's The Nutcracker. The temporary banners will be hung from Nov 17 to Jan 3, 2017. Approval has been received from the Electrical Department. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Simmons on Aug 1, 2016. Tabled on motion of Councillor Toomey on Sept 12, 2016.]
6. 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 Sept 22, 2016 to discuss the zoning petition filed by Jane W. Heatley, President of the William Noyes Webster Foundation, Inc. to amend Section 20.700, Medical Marijuana Overlay Districts by extending the district. [Tabled on motion of Councillor Cheung on Oct 17, 2016.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from David Masse, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 247 Walden 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. An application was received from Lovely Spa, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 473 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
3. An application was received from Eva Spanos, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 39 Hammond Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation,

Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Kerry and Prithvi Tanwar, 56 Churchill Avenue, regarding the regulation of commercial wood burning.
2. A communication was received from John Sheff, 12 Inman Street, regarding Outdoor Lighting Ordinance.
3. A communication was received from Helen L. Horowitz, 130 Mount Auburn Street, transmitting support for the landmark designation for the Harvard Square Out-of-Town News kiosk.
4. A communication was received from Justin Watkins, 8 Shepard Street, in support of the proposed ban on commercial wood burning.
5. A communication was received from Gaylen Morgan, regarding drones in Cambridge.
6. A communication was received from Costanza Eggers, transmitting a letter of support for the landmark item relating to the Harvard Square kiosk.
7. A communication was received from Rob Shirkey, executive Director, Our Horizon, regarding climate change disclosure labels for gas pumps.
8. A communication was received from Terri Oliver, 5 Arlington Street, regarding landmark designation for the historic Harvard Square Kiosk.
9. A communication was received from David Matthews, 5 Arlington Street, regarding landmark designation for the historic Harvard Square Out-of-Town kiosk.
10. A communication was received from Paula Paris, Fayerweather Street, in support of the policy order regarding drones.
11. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, Individually, and as Chair, Friends of the White Geese, regarding Charles River Destruction 3, the Magazine Beach hill, DVDs of destruction accomplished so far.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Shawna and Chip Marino on the birth of their son Leo Harper Marino. Councillor Toomey
2. Congratulations to the Cambridge All-Star Baseball Team on earning the Silver Medal in international competition, and carried themselves with dignity and respect, and represented the City of Cambridge to the highest degree. Vice Mayor McGovern
3. Congratulating Nina Katz-Christy and Zaida Block for their stunning competence, persistence, generosity and inspiration that they showed in so successfully bringing this wonderful I Can Bike program to Cambridge. Councillor Kelley
4. Congratulating Parents Forum co-founders Eve Sullivan and Christine Bates, longtime board members Rachael Thames, Dr. William Sharp, and Roberta Pizzinato, new board member Athena Wang and Parents Forum's many participants and supporters around the globe. Councillor Kelley

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager direct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Police Department and any other appropriate city departments to conduct a traffic safety review of the Brattle Street, Sparks Street, and Craigie Street intersection. Councillor Devereux
2. That the City Council urge the City Manager to establish a deadline of Nov 1, 2017 for fully implementing the various street improvements and safety measures for increasing bicycle safety that were passed during the Oct 17, 2016 meeting. Mayor Simmons
3. The City Manager confer with the City Solicitor on the possibility of allowing non-citizen Cambridge residents to vote in municipal elections without a home-rule petition. Councillor Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern
4. That the City Manager request permission from the DCR to continue Sunday closings on Memorial Drive year-round, starting in early 2017, and to work with the Cambridge Police, Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and Public Works Departments and any other staff to implement this plan, and to report back to the Council as soon as possible on the feasibility and schedule. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report on behalf of Councillor Nadeem Mazen, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee, for a public hearing held on Nov 2, 2016 to discuss bicycle safety in Cambridge.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor David P. Maher, transmitting the Proposed Employment Agreement between the City of Cambridge and Louis A. DePasquale.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Nov 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 9

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a zoning petition by the City Council to delete the existing Section 20.700 – Medical Marijuana Overlay Districts; create a new Section 11.800 – Medical Marijuana; and list Registered Marijuana Dispensary within Section 4.35 of the Table of Use Regulations, allowed only by Planning Board Special Permit within Business A, Business B, Business B-1, Business B-2, Business C, Industry A-1, Industry B-1 and Industry B-2 districts. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 14

5:30pm City Council Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss Envision Cambridge. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Nov 7, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The three-way intersection at Brattle Street, Sparks Street and Craigie Street is difficult to navigate for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike; and

WHEREAS: While primarily residential in use, Brattle Street is a highly traveled, arterial route connecting Fresh Pond Parkway and Harvard Square with unprotected bike lanes on either side; and

WHEREAS: Sparks Street, a one-way street with a protected bike lane, serves as a primary connector between Huron Avenue, Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets; and

WHEREAS: Craigie Street westbound presents motorists with an awkward slip-lane to merge onto Brattle, where people are often confused as to who has the right of way and drivers are routinely blocked by others trying to exit Sparks; and

WHEREAS: Left turns onto Brattle are difficult for people exiting Sparks and Craigie; and

WHEREAS: Numerous users of this intersection have expressed concern over its safety and level of comfort for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS: Cyclists have complained that drivers turning right from Sparks onto Brattle block the bike lane on Sparks; and

WHEREAS: During the morning rush hour, there are large numbers of parents and children seeking to navigate this intersection as pedestrians enroute to the BB&N Lower School off of Craigie Street and the Middle School on Sparks Street without the benefit of a school crossing guard; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Police Department and any other appropriate city departments to conduct a traffic safety review of the Brattle Street, Sparks Street, and Craigie Street intersection and report back its findings with recommendations of any immediate and mid-term actions that can be taken to improve the intersection's safety to the Council.

O-2 Nov 7, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: On Oct 17, 2016, the [City Council passed a series of policy orders](#) directing the City Manager to implement measures meant to make our streets safer for bicyclists, particularly in light of the two bicycling fatalities that have occurred in Cambridge this year; and

WHEREAS: This meeting included a [late policy order](#) asking that the City Manager to work with the appropriate City personnel to synthesize these various policy orders into "an overarching work plan" for the appropriate City departments to implement; and

WHEREAS: It is critical that the people of Cambridge have a clear sense of how this work is progressing over the coming days, weeks, and months, and it is also critical that the City establish a clear timeline and set of expectations for how this work can and should progress; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council formally go on record in urging the City Manager to establish a deadline of Nov 1, 2017 for fully implementing the various street improvements and safety measures for increasing bicycle safety that were passed during the Oct 17 meeting; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council no later than Dec 12, 2016 on a timeline for implementing the special informational webpage called for in [Policy Order #263](#) at the Oct 17, 2016 City Council meeting.

O-3 Nov 7, 2016

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Cambridge is a City that respects, values, and wishes to nurture the diversity among its residents, and has been progressive in the past by passing legislation meant to improve the lives of the residents it serves; and

WHEREAS: Non-citizen residents in Cambridge are fellow taxpayers concerned with issues of local governance and representation, but are presently barred from formally voicing their opinions as a constituency since the right to

vote locally is not instituted and requires a Home Rule petition; and
WHEREAS: In 2005, the Cambridge City Council sent a home rule petition to enable non-citizen voting rights in our city elections: the petition failed to pass in the State House then, and since the proportion of foreign-born residents in Cambridge has increased; and

WHEREAS: According to the 2014 American Communities Survey conducted by the US Census, Cambridge has over 30,000 foreign-born residents, with more than half being noncitizens; given the bureaucratic nature of the naturalization process, it can take well over a decade to fully enfranchise immigrants who have taken the necessary steps to apply for full citizenship, thus it often takes a decade or more to gain a stake in the decisions of their chosen local government; and

WHEREAS: Important debates and discussions in the city affect citizen residents just as they affect non-citizen residents who enroll their children in Cambridge public schools, pay local, state, and federal taxes, and contribute to our communities on a daily basis, and a parents' involvement in the education of their children is proven to be pivotal to student academic achievement; and

WHEREAS: There are some municipalities in the country that have passed immigrant voting rights locally, and in Massachusetts alone Brookline, Amherst, Newton, and Cambridge have submitted home rule petitions to the State Legislature seeking non-citizen voting rights for foreign-born residents; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge residents, regardless of citizenship, complete the annual City Census, which the city uses as the basis for creating the voter list, meaning that if non-citizen voting were instituted in our City, there could be less burden to our existing framework for municipal voting; and

WHEREAS: This policy seeks to enfranchise residents presently barred from voting due to their citizenship status, excluding non-immigrant visa holders, so that they may participate equally with their fellow community members in City Council and School Committee elections; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to draft a Home Rule petition entitled "AN ACT TO EMPOWER NON-CITIZEN RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE TO VOTE IN CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTIONS"; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor on the possibility of allowing non-citizen Cambridge residents to vote in municipal elections without a home-rule petition; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council on this matter.

O-4 Nov 7, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Memorial Drive is closed to motor vehicles from Western Avenue to Fresh Pond Parkway between 11am and 7pm on Sundays, starting on the last Sunday in April and ending on the second Sunday in November; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), which controls Memorial Drive, and the City of

Cambridge work together to ensure that the Sunday traffic closings are well-marked and safely enforced; and

WHEREAS: Car-free Sundays began as an experiment in 1976 to create a "people's park" along the river at the suggestion of the indomitable and visionary Isabella Halstead, who founded the Friends of Riverbend Park; and

WHEREAS: Over the past forty years the Sunday closings have become a beloved tradition that draws thousands of people of all ages to Memorial Drive for fitness, recreation, play, community and reflection on the river's natural beauty and history of uses; and

WHEREAS: Non-profit partners such as the Charles River Conservancy have provided Sunday programming for families, and many children have learned to bicycle, roller blade and skateboard along Memorial Drive when it is closed to cars; and

WHEREAS: Many residents have asked for the Sunday closings to continue year-round, and have expressed a strong desire to be able to walk, run and ride on Memorial Drive without traffic on Sundays in the winter and early spring; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to request permission from the DCR to continue Sunday closings on Memorial Drive year-round, starting in early 2017, and to work with the Cambridge Police, Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, and Public Works Departments and any other staff to implement this plan, and to report back to the Council as soon as possible on the feasibility and schedule.