

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a new member of the Conservation Commission for a term of three years, effective Nov 18, 2019: Erum Sattar
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as new members of the Cambridge Immigrant Rights Commission for a term of three years, effective Nov 18, 2019: Tsamchoe Dolma, Ashebir Gezmu, Aleksandra Ibrahim, Subandha Karmacharya, Ana Mejia
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a new member of the Cambridge Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, effective Nov 18, 2019: Kaileigh Callender
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) grant in the amount of \$12,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to supplement fuel assistance payments.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt with comments and suggested improvements, the CambridgeSide Galleria Associates Trust Zoning Petition.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$4,475,844.18 from Free Cash to the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund which will be used to fund specific future projects, requiring individual appropriations by the City Council at a later date.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY20 Local Cultural Council grant made by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) in the amount of to the Arts Council in the amount of \$27,600 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support the Arts Council's Artist Grant Program through which financial grants will be made to support individual artists, creative partnerships, and to arts organizations doing work in Cambridge and for local audiences.
8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY20 Mass Cultural Council Cultural Investment Portfolio grant made by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) in the amount of \$4,120 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account which

will be used to provide operating support for administration and programming costs.

9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY20 MOVA Victim Services Training Grant for \$5,050 received from the Victim and Witness Assistance Board through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will provide funding to the "Trauma-Informed Approaches to Law Enforcement" training in collaboration with the Cambridge Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative.
10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt the Exterior Building Insulation Zoning Petition.
11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt Article 22 Green Building Requirements Zoning Petition.

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]
3. A petition was received from Stephan Bardige et al, regarding amending the Municipal Code, Title 2, Chapter 2.78.090 subparagraph E and I by changing six months to twelve months twice in each paragraph to permit the Cambridge Historical Commission to delay the issuance of a demolition permit for twelve months. [PASSED TO A 2ND READING NOV 4, 2019 AND BEFORE THE COUNCIL FOR ORDINATION]
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the creation of a new municipal Renewable Energy and Greenhouse Gas ("GHG") Reduction Revolving Fund ("Revolving Fund") to serve the City of Cambridge's ("City") municipal energy aggregation, and adoption of the proposed new ordinance, Chapter 3.24, entitled "Departmental Revolving Funds." [PASSED TO A 2ND READING NOV 4, 2019 AND BEFORE THE COUNCIL FOR ORDINATION]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Violette Bakers, requesting permission for an A-Framed sign in front of the premises numbered 1786 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from New England Wax Enterprises, LLC, requesting permission for an A-Frame sign in front of the premises numbered 1868 Massachusetts Avenue.
3. An application was received from Blick Art Materials, LLC, requesting permission for an A-Frame sign in front of the premises numbered 619 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from John Natale, Sciarappa Street, regarding the longest running parking scam in Cambridge.
2. A communication was received from Antonia Luu, regarding bicycle safety.
3. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding the Source and making the Earth immortal.
4. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding City Council Destruction of Cambridge Tree Canopy Proceeds - Magazine Beach - ELECTION DAY.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Welcome Cynthia Shelton Harris to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
2. Happy Birthday wishes to Hewig "Hedy" Pocius. Councillor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Rebecca Rutenberg and Bradley St. Amand on their recent marriage. Councillor Simmons
4. Resolution on the death of Ridgely Howard "Jake" Duvall. Vice Mayor Devereux

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is hereby requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to delay trash collection on Lexington Avenue, Lakeview Avenue and Standish Street until after 9:00am to alleviate traffic congestion in the area prior to the start of the Tobin school day, and to ensure on-time school bus schedules on Tuesdays. Councillor Mallon
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to fully restore sharrows to Broadway, alongside the new door-zone bike lane, as a reminder to motorists that cyclists are always allowed to take the full lane. Councillor Zondervan
3. That the City Council go on record condemning former Attorney General Sessions' decision in Matter of A-B-, and recognizing the decision as a shameful attempt to eviscerate protections for women, children, LGBTQ+ people, and families fleeing harrowing violence. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A report from Vice Mayor Jan Devereux, Chair of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee, for a public meeting held on Nov 14, 2019 to discuss the Solicitor's Response to Policy Order O-9 from the June 10, 2019 City Council Meeting

ORDER - Vice Mayor Devereux

That the City Manager be requested to have the City Solicitor report back to the City Council about (1) whether the City must file a home rule petition to require that lobbyists register with the city and disclose campaign contributions to municipal officials, (2) whether the City must file a home rule petition to limit donations from non-residents who have business pending before the council; and (3) reiterate the Council's previous request to form a task force to explore public financing for municipal elections, particularly focused on vouchers and matching donations.

2. A report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Nov 12 at 12pm to discuss Green Building requirements A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a petition to amend provisions in Section 22.20, which governs Green Building Requirements, and also applicable definitions contained in Article 2.000.
3. A report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Nov 12, 2019 to discuss the Insulation Zoning proposal A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a petition to amend provisions in Article 5.000 and Article 22.000 pertaining to setback requirements and exterior building insulation.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor McGovern, transmitting Cambridge Girlx in Sports Working Group.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Thurs, Nov 14

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, 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 Joint Roundtable/Working Meeting for members of the City Council and School Committee to discuss the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program Study Regular. No Public Comment; no votes. (Sullivan Chamber – televised)

Tues, Dec 3

12:00pm The Public Safety Committee will meet to discuss the following policy order: An amendment to Chapter 2.128 Surveillance Ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber – televised)

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)

Tues, Dec 10

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition to amend Articles 2.00 and 4.32 of the zoning Ordinance regarding Mobile Fueling. (Sullivan Chamber – televised)

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a refiled petition to the amend the Zoning

Ordinance to add a Grand Junction Pathway Overlay. (Sullivan Chamber – televised)

Wed, Dec 11

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Harvard Square Zoning Petition View the petition here: 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 Nov 18, 2019

COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: Access to the Tobin Montessori and Vassal Lane Upper Schools by school buses as well as parents and caregivers are limited by just a few one-way streets in West Cambridge at school drop off time; Lakeview Avenue, Lexington Avenue and Standish Street; and

WHEREAS: It is difficult for both school buses and vehicles to drop students off at the Tobin Montessori and Vassal Lane Upper Schools on Tuesdays, trash collection day, as the major routes to the school are often partially blocked by a trash collection vehicle; and

WHEREAS: Significant delays of school buses can negatively affect the rest of the school bus schedule as the Tobin Montessori School day starts at 7:55am and the Vassal Lane Upper School day starts at 8:55am; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to delay trash collection on Lexington Avenue, Lakeview Avenue and Standish Street until after 9:00am to alleviate traffic congestion in the area prior to the start of the school day, and to ensure on-time school bus schedules on Tuesdays.

O-2 Nov 18, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the painted sharrows on Broadway were recently obfuscated with a painted door-zone bike lane; and

WHEREAS: Broadway is a highly utilized thoroughfare and an essential bike connector between the Longfellow Bridge, Kendall Square, and Harvard Square; and

WHEREAS: Painted sharrows serve as a reminder that cyclists are allowed to take the full lane at any time, on any right of way, regardless of what painted markings or infrastructure might be in place; and

WHEREAS: The new painted door-zone bike lane is intended to improve the safety and comfort of cyclists, but many users continue to opt to take the full lane in the absence of a legitimate protected bike lane, which can evoke hostility from motorists who expect bikes to stay in the striped lane; and

WHEREAS: Painting sharrows in the middle of the roadway, next to the door-zone bike lane, would remind motorists that many cyclists will continue to legally take the full lane on Broadway; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to fully restore sharrows to Broadway, alongside the new door-zone bike lane, as a reminder to motorists that cyclists are always allowed to take the full lane; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the Council on this matter before the end of the year.

O-3 Nov 18, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City Council has repeatedly affirmed its commitment to protecting our immigrant communities, and has a long history and proud legacy of leading the fight to advance women's rights and combat gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS: On June 11, 2018, Former U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued a sweeping decision in the asylum case Matter of A-B- (27 I&N Dec. 316 (A.G. 2018)), involving a domestic violence survivor from El Salvador; and

WHEREAS: In his decision, then-Attorney General Sessions declared that asylum seekers presenting claims based on domestic violence will "generally" no longer qualify for relief, vacating the Board of Immigration Appeals' landmark decision in Matter of AR-C-G- (26 I&N Dec. 388 (BIA 2014)), which had recognized domestic violence as a basis for asylum; and

WHEREAS: In *Grace v. Whitaker* (344 F. Supp. 3d 96 (D.D.C. 2018)), the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia found the heightened standards articulated by Sessions in Matter of A-B- to be inconsistent with existing legal precedents and congressional intent behind the Refugee Act of 1980, holding that there can be no blanket rule barring domestic violence asylum claims; and

WHEREAS: Although the *Grace* decision has halted the implementation of Matter of A-B- in initial credible fear proceedings, the Departments of Homeland Security and Justice have instructed adjudicators that Matter of A-B- must continue to be used in deciding asylum claims on their merits; and

WHEREAS: The majority of women and girls seeking asylum at the U.S. southern border hail from the Northern Triangle countries of Central America: El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras; and

WHEREAS: Rates of femicide (gender-motivated killings of women) in the Northern Triangle are among the highest in the world, and this decision has put countless women, children, LGBTQ+ people, and families seeking asylum in the U.S. at heightened risk of removal to perilous situations; and

WHEREAS: United Nations guidance and international law reflect that domestic violence can form the basis of asylum protection when all other elements of the refugee definition are met; and

WHEREAS: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has asserted that the Matter of A-B- ruling stands at odds with the United States' international treaty obligations by creating a high barrier to women fleeing domestic violence; and

WHEREAS: The Matter of A-B- decision does not reflect the values or spirit of Cambridge or the United States and must be reversed at the earliest possible opportunity; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record condemning former Attorney General Sessions' decision in Matter of A-B-, and recognizing the decision as a shameful attempt to eviscerate protections for women, children, LGBTQ+ people, and families fleeing harrowing violence; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record calling on the U.S. Department of Justice to rescind the Matter of A-B- decision, and urging Cambridge's Congressional Delegation to enact laws that address these issues and restore justice and fairness to our asylum system; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to members of Cambridge's Congressional Delegation and U.S. Attorney General William Barr on behalf of the entire City Council.