CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA

1. 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.

2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of $35,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (Insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Library Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year for Library personnel injured in the performance of their duties.

3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of $28,579 from the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will support the purchase of computer equipment in new police cruisers.

4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-62, regarding a report on replacing open trash receptacles with Big Belly Solar Trash cans, with an emphasis on the business districts.

5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-90, regarding the possibility of installing a crosswalk at across Western Avenue at Soden Street.

6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-102, regarding the potential for utilizing an Icelandic crosswalk design in East Cambridge.

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-10, regarding creating a list of private meeting and conference rooms that are available to the public through development mitigation.

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-98, regarding outreach related to Cambridge Community Electricity 100% Green Program during Energy Awareness Month.

9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-78, regarding upgrades to the Paul Dudley White Community Path and Magazine Beach renovations.

10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-85, regarding a report on the feasibility of appointing an advisory committee to work through resilience elements raised during the Envision process and through the Brown Petition.

11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to proposed revisions to the draft Surveillance Ordinance.

12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the proposed amended Street Performers Ordinance.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Further Study Needed on First Street Garage

UNFINISHED BUSINESS


3. 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.

4. An application was received from Martin Cafasso, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 19 Fayette 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. 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. (Awaiting Report referred to Unfinished Business pending response from Legislature)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from CAVA, requesting permission for 4 banners at the premises numbered 88 Ames Street Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

2. A Zoning Petition was received from Anthony F. Gargano on behalf of his Client Hercules Kalogeropoulos, Cambridge Mobile Sound and Security, seeking to amend the zoning map in the area of 234 Monsignor O'Brien Highway, from the existing 'C-1' to Business 'A'.
COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Beth Stevens, 100 Spring Street, regarding support for First Street garage.
2. A communication was received from Alan Green, 82 Fifth Street, regarding support for First Street garage.
3. A communication was received from Tricia Lemon, regarding bike lane safety.
4. A communication was received from Steven Friedman, regarding bike safety.
5. A communication was received from Thomas Cooke, regarding encouraging the City Council to attend the World Day Remembrance and to push forward with the plan to build a 20 mile protected bike lane.
6. A communication was received from Eric Woods, regarding stand with bicycle safety.
7. A communication was received from Joseph Stomberg, regarding bicycle safety in Cambridge.
8. A communication was received from Johan Boneschansker, regarding improving bicycle infrastructure.
9. A communication was received from Aidan O’Donovan, regarding allowing the redevelopment on 40 Thordndike Street.
10. A communication was received from Frederic Wittmann, 16 Traill Street, regarding redevelopment proposal for 40 Thordndike Street.
11. A communication was received from Jeremy Lang, regarding support a protected bike lane network.
12. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding MassDOT Letter, IRT, I90 Allston rebuild.
13. A communication was received from Joseph E. Connarton, Executive Director, Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission, transmitting the amount to be appropriated for Fiscal Year 2020.
14. A communication was received from Robert L. Lindamood, 29 Otis Street, regarding Sullivan courthouse project.
15. A communication was received from Dog Renter's Association LLC, 54 Bay State Road, regarding asking for the Council's support in what appears to be a violation of Human Rights as tenants.
16. A communication was received from Rosemary Booth, 303 Third Street, regarding withdrawing RFP for First Street garage.
17. A communication was received from Laura Mitas Cardoos, regarding bicycle safety.
18. A communication was received from Charles Hinds, regarding support of Rep. Mike Connolly's letter to City Council.
19. A communication was received from Charles Hinds, regarding support for further study needed on First Street garage.
20. A communication was received from Ilan Levy, 148 Sciarappa Street, regarding support for study on parking, traffic and transportation on the entire First Street corridor.
21. A communication was received from Fabrizio Gentili, 72 Sciarappa Street, regarding support for study on parking, traffic and transportation on the entire First Street corridor.
22. A communication was received from Marie Elena Saccoccio, Esquire, regarding First Street garage.
23. A communication was received from Heather Hoffman, regarding First Street garage.
24. A communication was received from Michael Hawley, regarding the RFP's for the First Street garage must be withdrawn.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Jorie Graham on receiving the Rebekah Johnson Bobbitt National Prize for Poetry by the Library of Congress. Vice Mayor Devereux
2. Resolution on the death of Paul R. Crane. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Simmons
3. Resolution on the death of Devah Pager. Vice Mayor Devereux
4. Resolution on the death of Thomas Lang. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Nancy S. (Rego) DePasquale. Councillor Toomey
6. Congratulations to Elmendorf Baking Supplies on the occasion of its grand opening on 594 Cambridge Street. Councillor Toomey
7. Resolution on the death of Emile Durzi. Vice Mayor Devereux
8. Recognizing the work and legacy of Dr. Joseph J. Harrington. Mayor McGovern
10. Congratulations to Brother Frank M. Robinson for being honored at the Evening of Elegance and Love gala by Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, Inc. on Dec 1, 2018. Councillor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to televise and record the joint Public Safety Committee and Transportation & Public Utilities Committee Hearing scheduled for Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 3:00pm. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Kelley
2. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to consult with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the
State Delegation representing Route 28, State Representative Mike Connolly and State Senator Sal DiDomenico, for an update on the bike lane installation, and measures and actions such as increased police enforcement of speed limits, to improve safety of Museum Way immediately with particular emphasis on the intersection of Museum Way and Route 28. Councillor Toomey

3. That the City Manager work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to explore the possibility of posting a "no trucks" sign on Hancock Street. Councillor Mallon, Councillor Siddiqui

4. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to amend the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Regulations Article XIV, Section 14.1 Stopping, Standing or Parking to allow for property owners to park in front of their private driveway. Councillor Toomey, Mayor McGovern

5. That the City Manager is requested to provide a progress report on the work of the Open Data Review Board and their strategic plan at a future public hearing of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Kelley

6. That the Chairs of the Human Services and Veterans Committee schedule a hearing and invite representatives of the Cambridge Health Alliance to discuss the lessons learned from a tragic occurrence of Sept 16, 2016 and to discuss what measures are being enacted to instill greater levels of confidence in local Cambridge Health Alliance health centers. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Mallon

7. That the Economic Development & University Relations Committee is requested to hold a public hearing to discuss the formation of a city commission dedicated to providing a forum for exploring and addressing the concerns of undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate and other post-high school students in Cambridge. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Devereux

8. That the City Manager work with the Cambridge Arts Council, the Cambridge Women’s Commission, the Cambridge Historical Commission, the Department of Public Works, the Schlesinger Library, and other appropriate departments to establish a diverse commission to conduct the artist selection process and commission opportunity on behalf of the City, with the goal of acknowledging a more representative story of the 19th Amendment and highlighting the contributions of Cambridge women. Councillor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui

9. That the City Manager is requested to work with CCTV to ensure funding for our municipal media services, and that the City Council go on record opposing a new FCC rule that would severely decrease funding for CCTV and 22CityView by allowing telecommunications companies to deduct in-kind services fees. Councillor Mallon, Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern

10. That the City Manager is requested to inquire with the owners of Twin City Plaza about the leasing of parking spaces for construction vehicle storage instead of storing the vehicles on Gore Street. Councillor Toomey

11. That the Housing Committee Co-Chairs, in collaboration with the City Manager’s Office and the Office of the Mayor, be and hereby are requested to reach out to their counterparts in Boston and Somerville to convene a region-wide discussion about the affordable housing crisis. Councillor Simmons

12. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Emergency Communications Department to provide an update on the latest 911 technologies available to Cambridge residents. Vice Mayor Devereux

13. That the City Council go on record requesting Governor Baker to properly staff Department of Public Utilities inspectors to ensure the safety of Cambridge residents. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor McGovern, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Mallon

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a communication from Councillor Mallon, transmitting notes of the meeting of the Mayor's Arts Task Force.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Nov 19
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 20
1:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to review the current status of the Short-Term rental (STR) registration and enforcement efforts in Cambridge, including any legal proceedings, the exploration of possible new legal proceedings against illegal STR operators or platforms and will assess the City’s need to implement new policies or contracts given the state’s inability to create a master registration of any sort and to discuss opportunities to work with the state to create a funding stream for STRs. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 26
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 27
4:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the next the steps in creating a protected bike network and an update on future Vision Zero infrastructure improvements. (Sullivan Chamber)
Wed, Nov 28
12:00pm The Housing Committee conduct a public hearing to continue discussions on the proposed Affordable Housing Overlay District and on the first annual Inclusionary Zoning report. (Sullivan Chamber)
3:00pm The Public Safety Committee and the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a joint public hearing to discuss truck safety measures in the City and to review the Police Department’s truck enforcement actions and whether Cambridge can better use navigational platforms, such as Garmin, signage to keep trucks off of illegal or impractical roads, how Cambridge may extend its no-truck designations, update on how the sideguard pilot programs are working and how City contracts may be used to demand safer vehicles for both contractors and sub-contractors for City projects and similar truck-related issues. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Nov 29
5:00pm The Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss Urban Form Recommendations from the Community Development Department. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 3
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 4
12:00pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims will conduct a hearing to consider claims filed against the City. (Ackerman Room)
5:00pm The Health and Environmental Committee will conduct a public hearing to review the preliminary LiDAR-based canopy study results from Apr 1, 2018 and to discuss potential reasons for the precipitous decline in our tree canopy and any other related matter. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 5
3:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to explore the legal options Cambridge does and does not have when permitting existing, new and emerging mobility platforms in Cambridge; said uses will include the ability for Cambridge to regulate platforms that operate Non-City property and the differences between streets and sidewalks when considering what permits are needed and any regulatory gaps that might exist where City permitting authority is unclear but desired and how the City may get that necessary authority. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 10
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 17
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 18
3:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing TBA. (Sullivan Chamber)
Thurs, May 9  
9:00am  Finance Committee hearing to discuss proposed FY20 City Budget (if necessary). (Sullivan Chamber) 

Mon, May 20  
5:30pm  City Council Meeting - Budget Adoption (Sullivan Chamber) 

Mon, June 3  
5:30pm  City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) 

Mon, June 10  
5:30pm  City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) 

Mon, June 17  
5:30pm  City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) 

Mon, June 24  
5:30pm  City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) 

TEXT OF ORDERS 
O-1  Nov 19, 2018  
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX  
COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to televise and record the joint Public Safety Committee and Transportation & Public Utilities Committee Hearing scheduled for Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 3:00pm. 

O-2  Nov 19, 2018  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
WHEREAS: On Mar 19, 2018, the City Council unanimously adopted an order to direct the City Manager to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department and any other relative City departments to review what traffic-calming measures or actions that can be taken to discourage the speeding of vehicles along Museum Way; and  
WHEREAS: The actions and measures that were asked to be considered were the installation of speed bumps, installation of crosswalk flashing lights and increased police enforcement of speed limits; and  
WHEREAS: In a response presented to the Council on July 30, 2018; the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department collected speed data on June 6 and June 7, 2018; and  
WHEREAS: According to the report, the Average Daily Traffic on Museum Way is 5,800 vehicles; and  
WHEREAS: It was reported that traffic-calming measures are intended to reduce traffic speeds and do not reduce traffic volumes and that most of the vehicles on Museum Way were traveling close to the speed limit and that traffic-calming on this street would not be a high priority; and  
WHEREAS: The City further reported that they would continue to monitor the traffic speed and evaluate the potential for traffic calming measures; and  
WHEREAS: During City Council discussion of the report, it was noted that this traffic study was done during the summer when many programs of Hult International Businesses school are not in session; and  
WHEREAS: An additional issue that was noted in the report was that some vehicles increased their speed approaching Charles River Dam Road (Rt. 28) in order to catch a green signal; and  
WHEREAS: Route 28 is a state-owned road and where it intersects with Museum Way is an extremely dangerous intersection; and  
WHEREAS: On Fri Nov 9, 2018, troopers from the State Police barracks in Boston responded to reports of a bicyclist struck by a dump truck at the intersection of Museum Way and Monsignor O’Brien Highway and tragically the cyclist died as a result of injuries sustained during the incident; and  
WHEREAS: The State has a bike lane plan for that stretch of state road; and  
WHEREAS: There was a delay in implementation due to the rerouting of Longfellow Bridge; now therefore be it ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation and any other relative City departments on what attempts were made to discuss with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on improving safety of this street and the intersection; and be it further ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, along with any other relevant City department, to conduct another traffic study in the area during a time when more of the programs from Hult International Business School are in session; and be it further ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to consult with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State Delegation representing Route 28, State Representative Mike Connolly and State Senator Sal DiDomenico, for an update on the bike lane installation, and measures and actions such as increased police enforcement of speed limits, to improve safety of Museum Way immediately with particular emphasis on the intersection of Museum Way and Route 28; and be it further ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council no later than the Dec 3, 2018 meeting. 

O-3  Nov 19, 2018  
COUNCILLOR MALLON  
COUNCILLOR SIDDQUI  
WHEREAS: Large trucks, including 18-wheelers, rely on GPS technology to navigate through our City, that often leads them down narrow side streets, which is hazardous to the neighborhood; and
WHEREAS: Large trucks unable to turn at narrow intersections or navigate down narrow streets have repeatedly collided with and damaged telephone poles; and
WHEREAS: Trucks traveling down narrow streets have also done irreparable damage to residents’ personal property, such as their cars and even homes; and
WHEREAS: This has been an issue, especially on Hancock Street between Massachusetts Avenue and Kinnaird Street, where GPS is instructing 18 wheelers to travel down streets that are simply not wide enough; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to explore the possibility of posting a “no trucks” sign on Hancock Street; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-4 Nov 19, 2018
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
MAYOR MCGOVERN
WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department has changed the way in which they now choose to enforce the regulations about property owners blocking their own private driveway; and
WHEREAS: According to the department, allowing property owners to park their vehicle in front of their private driveway was merely an accommodation and had never been memorialized in any regulations; and
WHEREAS: Being able to block one’s own private driveway was a serious benefit to the households who had more than one car and guests and freed up much needed spaces for other neighbors; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to amend the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Regulations Article XIV, Section 14.1 Stopping, Standing or Parking to allow for property owners to park in front of their private driveway.

O-5 Nov 19, 2018
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
WHEREAS: The Open Data Ordinance was passed on Sept 21, 2015 and created the Cambridge Open Data Review Board and included a requirement for periodic updates to the City Council on that board’s progress; and
WHEREAS: The last update received by the City Council on this topic was delivered at a Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning Committee hearing on June 1, 2017; and
WHEREAS: The Open Data Review Board recently released a strategic plan and requested public comment be made on that plan by Dec 14, 2018; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a progress report on the work of the Open Data Review Board and their strategic plan at a future public hearing of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee.

O-6 Nov 19, 2018
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR MALLON
WHEREAS: On Nov 3, 2018, the Boston Globe Magazine published an article that detailed how a series of events unfolded in the early morning hours of Sept 16, 2016 at Somerville Hospital which resulted in the tragic death of 34-year old Laura Levis; and
WHEREAS: In subsequent articles and in public statements, the leadership from the Cambridge Health Alliance, the parent organization that oversees Somerville Hospital and Cambridge Hospital, relayed their deep remorse over the events that lead to Ms. Levis’s death, and discussed some of the measures that have been taken in response to that tragedy; and
WHEREAS: The people of Cambridge, many of whom depend upon the Cambridge Health Alliance as their main healthcare provider, deserve to have a greater understanding of how the events at Somerville Hospital detailed in the Boston Globe Magazine article are being processed and used to prevent similar such occurrences in any Cambridge Health Alliance facility going forward; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the Chairs of the Human Services and Veterans Committee schedule a hearing and invite representatives of the Cambridge Health Alliance to discuss the lessons learned from this tragic occurrence and to discuss what measures are being enacted to instill greater levels of confidence in local Cambridge Health Alliance health centers.

O-7 Nov 19, 2018
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
WHEREAS: With multiple universities, colleges and other institutes of higher learning within its borders, Cambridge has a large percentage of full- or part-time residents and nonresidents who are also college or university students; and
WHEREAS: While there is a City Council committee that addresses relationships with between educational institutions and City governance and a separate City Youth Council comprised of high school students that focuses on improving the lives of youth in Cambridge, there is no civic
body that exists specifically as a forum for higher education students to have conversations with City leaders on any number of local issues that are particularly impactful on these students; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge has a variety of civic boards and commissions that provide forums for other specific groups with defined interests; and
WHEREAS: Having such a civic body may be useful in understanding and addressing both long-term and immediate concerns of Cambridge’s student population; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the Economic Development & University Relations Committee be and hereby is requested to hold a public hearing to explore this idea in greater detail with the intent of providing the City Manager a more detailed request to form a city commission dedicated to providing a forum for exploring and addressing the concerns of undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate and other post-high school students in Cambridge.

O-8 Nov 19, 2018
COUNCILLOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: On June 4, 2018, the City Council passed a Policy Order to commission a public artwork that will memorialize and commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment and the many women in Cambridge who fought so hard for the right to women’s suffrage; and
WHEREAS: To this end, an artist must be fairly identified through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process or a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process, and a commission is required to establish guidelines for an RFP/RFQ and move this process forward; and
WHEREAS: The story of suffrage is long and, in many ways, unfinished, making it extremely important to acknowledge and include the contributions of underrepresented women at the forefront of our goals for the memorial, so that we are not simply retelling the popular mythology of suffrage, but rather we are presenting the full picture of the struggle and impact of the unrecognized women in Cambridge; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Arts Council, the Cambridge Women’s Commission, the Cambridge Historical Commission, the Department of Public Works, the Schlesinger Library, and other appropriate departments to establish a diverse commission to conduct the artist selection process and commission opportunity on behalf of the City, with the goal of acknowledging a more representative story of the 19th Amendment and highlighting the contributions of Cambridge women; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-9 Nov 19, 2018
COUNCILLOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Telecommunications companies are required to compensate municipalities for their use of public rights of way, and this compensation is used to fund community media centers and local cable channels such as Cambridge Community Television (CCTV) and 22 CityView; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge signed its initial cable license in 1985, and said license has been renewed in both 2001 and 2011; and
WHEREAS: The current license agreement requires Comcast to pay the City franchise fees equaling 5% of its gross revenues in Cambridge, and this agreement expires in 2021; and
WHEREAS: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has proposed a new rule that would allow telecommunications companies like Comcast to deduct any in kind services provided to the City from the required amount to be paid by its licensing fee; and
WHEREAS: This new fee structure would pose a great threat to CCTV and 22 CityView, which have been pillars of the community, keeping the public informed about municipal government, City events, and local news; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with CCTV and all other appropriate departments to ensure funding for this vital municipal service; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to members of the Cambridge Congressional Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-10 Nov 19, 2018
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: As the construction on Gore Street continues, there has been significant resident concerns about the contractor leaving construction vehicles parked overnight on Gore Street especially between 5th and 6th Street; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inquire with the owners of Twin City Plaza about the leasing of parking spaces for construction vehicle storage; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council no later than the Dec 3, 2018 Council Meeting.

O-11 Nov 19, 2018
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
WHEREAS: Over the course of the past decade, the City Council has increasingly been directing its energies on how to adequately address the housing affordability crisis that has been so prevalent and negatively impacted so many in our community; and
WHEREAS: While no one single solution for this housing crisis has been determined, there is widespread agreement that this is not merely a Cambridge issue, and is instead an issue that is impacting the larger Greater Boston region; and
WHEREAS: As this is an issue that is having a significant impact upon housing options in Cambridge, Boston, and Somerville in particular, it would be helpful to convene a regional discussion with the City of Boston and the City of Somerville about how to more effectively work together to address this region-wide housing affordability crisis; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the Housing Committee Co-Chairs, in collaboration with the City Manager’s Office and the Office of the Mayor, be and hereby are requested to reach out to their counterparts in Boston and Somerville to convene a region-wide discussion about the affordable housing crisis, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-12 Nov 19, 2018
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
WHEREAS: There have been recent improvements in Enhanced 911 and Smart911 technology that could make locating residents in the event of an emergency easier and more efficient, potentially providing critical minutes necessary to save lives; and
WHEREAS: Residents may be unfamiliar with the enhanced 911 features available to them, and unaware of recent changes to the RapisSOS Haven app; and
WHEREAS: It is vital to the safety of residents that more public outreach be done and information be made available on the options available; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Emergency Communications Department to provide an update on the latest 911 technologies available to Cambridge residents; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-13 Nov 19, 2018
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
MAYOR MCGOVERN
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR MALLON
WHEREAS: A series of incidents and reported violations including the September 2018 tragedy in Merrimack Valley have raised significant concerns about both the safety of aging methane gas infrastructure in The Commonwealth and the companies charged with maintaining it; and
WHEREAS: A report released by the National Transit Safety Board found that the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) had only a fraction of its inspector positions filled in the weeks leading up to the Merrimack Valley tragedy; and
WHEREAS: DPU Inspectors play a critically important role in ensuring the safety of every resident of the Commonwealth; and
WHEREAS: Data from DPU indicates that there were 15,829 unreppaired gas pipeline leaks across the Commonwealth in 2017, including 262 unreppaired leaks in Cambridge; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record requesting Governor Baker to properly staff DPU inspectors to ensure our safety; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Governor Baker as well as Angela M. O’Connor, Chairman of the Department of Public Utilities, on behalf of the entire City Council.