

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on COVID-19.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$15,000 from the General Fund Reserves Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the General Fund Women's Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance account to pay for costs associated with expanded efforts on the Mapping Feminist Cambridge: Inman Square and the Mapping Feminist Cambridge: Central Square projects.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-74 and 19-45, regarding reviewing public monuments, memorials and markers and streets, schools and public buildings.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-62, regarding providing interpreters at polling locations.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-54, regarding a report on drafting an ordinance requiring the city to only purchase goods that are made in full compliance with USA environmental and labor standards.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Initiate a community process to develop the property at 105 Windsor Street as a community space that will create economic opportunity in the neighborhood, as part of an overall neighborhood plan that includes looking for ways to create affordable housing, open space and urban agriculture opportunities. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN IN COUNCIL DEC 7, 2020]
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-12, regarding the feasibility of adding bike parking rings to parking meters. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR NOLAN IN COUNCIL DEC 7, 2020]
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Home Rule Petition seeking special legislation from the Legislature which would authorize the City of Cambridge to provide police, fire and other emergency services ("Emergency Services") to portions of the Cambridge Crossing project that are partially located in the cities of Boston and Somerville, with one such property wholly located within Somerville. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER IN COUNCIL DEC 7, 2020]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. 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]
5. 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]

6. A Zoning Petition has been received from BMR-Third LLC c/o BioMed Realty, L.P. regarding a Zoning Amendment Petition for a new Planned Unit Development PUD District CDK. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING AS AMENDED ON NOV 30, 2020. TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER DEC 21, 2020.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Donger Lei representing The Nudo Society, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 125 River Street. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
2. An application was received from Bill Kuck representing Wachusett Brewing Company, Inc. requesting permission for 3 projecting signs at the premises numbered 33 Dunster Street. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Nicola A. Williams, regarding comments from the Dec 7, 2020 meeting.
2. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding 100% Affordable Housing and Parking.
3. A communication was received from Marty Mauzy, regarding Jerry's pond.
4. A communication was received from Naomi Kline, regarding Volpe Site.
5. A communication was received from Naomi Reed Kline, regarding Jerry's Pond.
6. A communication was received from Pamela Lingel, regarding Jerry's Landing.
7. A communication was received from Cathie Zusy, regarding turning Jerry's Pond into an Urban Wild.
8. A communication was received from Nan Laird and Joel Alstein, regarding Volpe Site.
9. A communication was received from Annette LaMond and Joe Moore, regarding Jerry's Pond Comment.
10. A communication was received from O. Robert Simha, regarding Jerry's Pond.
11. A communication was received from Chantal Eide, regarding Jerry's Pond.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Muna V. Kangsen and Fabiola Louiseau Councillor Simmons
2. Congratulating Sean Effel As He Begins His Next Chapter. Councillor Simmons
3. Thanking Girl Scout Troop 82030. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon
4. Resolution on the death of Cambridge educator Thomas F. Culhane. Councillor McGovern
5. Support for a Guaranteed Income. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The ongoing COVID-19 crisis has impacted every American's life in one way or another, leading to a historic loss of jobs while also exposing pre-existing issues in local, state and federal economic systems; and

WHEREAS: Prior to the pandemic, nearly 40% of Americans could not afford a single \$400 emergency, and rising income inequality is compounded by an ever-growing racial wealth divide; and

WHEREAS: [Research has shown](#) a growing racial wealth gap, with the median white worker making 28% more on average than a Black worker, and 35% more than the median Latinx worker in the last quarter of 2019. The median wealth of white families is more than \$100,000 while the median wealth of black families is approximately \$10,000; and

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these wealth gaps across race and gender, [disproportionally affecting people of color](#); and

WHEREAS: In order to address these inequalities, a coalition of [Mayors across the country](#) – from Oakland, CA to Gainesville, FL – have committed to advocating in favor of cash-based guaranteed income policies; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has also signed onto the Mayor's for a Guaranteed Income Pledge and is actively working with community partners to pilot a universal basic income program in Cambridge in early 2021; and

WHEREAS: Ongoing, direct cash payments will put real money in the pockets of people across the country and increase spending in our communities; and

WHEREAS: These regular payments have shown to be more effective than unemployment benefits for families of color. The data show that another direct payment would increase Native American, Latinx/Hispanic, and Black family income by 4.1%, 3.9%, and 3.6% respectively, compared to 2% of household income for white families; and

WHEREAS: Providing an income floor that would support families during this economic and public health crisis will benefit those individuals receiving ongoing cash assistance and the community at large; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record supporting the efforts of the Mayor's for A Guaranteed Income and supports ongoing, direct cash payments throughout the pandemic and until our economy recovers; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council urges President-elect Biden, Speaker Pelosi and Leader McConnell to develop an ongoing federal guaranteed income that provides an income floor for all Americans.

ORDERS

1. Elimination of Single Family Zoning. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons
2. The City Manager will work with the COVID-19 advisory board to help the city identify the parameters upon which

each strategy and technology reduces the risk to public health and the control of the spread of SARS CoV-2.

Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councilor E. Denise Simmons, Co-Chair and Councilor Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler, Co-Chair of the Housing Committee for a public hearing held on Oct 22, 2020 to receive an update from the Community Development Department and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund on potential changes made to the eligibility preferences for the Inclusionary Housing Program.
 2. The Public Safety Committee met on Oct 7, 2020 to conduct a public hearing on the Surveillance Technology Impact Reports and annual reports on ShotSpotter, BRIC, and COPLINK, and other outstanding surveillance annual reports, time permitting.
- A. The City Manager is hereby requested to work with the Police Department to provide data on Shotspotter, BRIC and Coplink to the City Council. Councillor Zondervan

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, communicating information from the School Committee .

HEARING SCHEDULE (until further notice – via Zoom and TV)

Mon, Dec 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 16

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Alewife Quadrangle Northwest Overlay petition. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Dec 17

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Retail Uses Zoning Ordinance petition and the Home Occupations Zoning Ordinance petition. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Jan 6

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

Wed, Jan 13

2:00pm Economic Development & University Relations Committee will meet to discuss the proposed Vacant Storefront Policy, and other strategies to address vacant storefronts in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Dec 14, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Single-family only zoning is an unnecessary artifact of historically exclusionary housing practices, and two-family zoning can have similar effects; and

WHEREAS: There is increasing need for housing production in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Minneapolis became the first city in the country to [eliminate single-family zoning](#) throughout the city in 2019 in order to create more flexibility and increase the availability of housing units in all neighborhoods; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the NLTP Committee and Housing Committee convene a joint meeting to discuss the question of whether limiting parts of the city to single or two family only zoning should continue to have a place in our zoning ordinances; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Committee chairs ensure that widespread notice be given to the community to include a broad spectrum of voices in the discussion; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to make available staff from relevant departments in order to discuss the implications for the city of such a proposal.

O-2 Dec 14, 2020

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: The control of the spread of SARS CoV-2 is accomplished by the prevention of transmission from infected individuals to others, and since March of 2020, the methods used have relied on the nearly universal adoption of mask use, physical distancing, hand and surface hygiene, limiting indoor and in-person activity, and quarantining those who may have been exposed; and

WHEREAS: These measures have been largely successful in our community, due to the successful partnership with businesses which have complied with distancing and limiting group size and capacity, mask use requirements, hygienic practices, air quality improvements, contact tracing programs, quarantine pay, installation of barriers, testing of staff for infection, all at the businesses expense and largely by their own initiative to implement “best practices” that go above and beyond state and local guidelines; and

WHEREAS: Fear, uncertainty, unpredictable changes to guidelines and sudden decisions about closures create a needlessly stressful climate, and that is taking a toll on the community’s resolve to soldier on with the behaviors that current interventions rely on to be effective; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is in the global epicenter of biological and data sciences and academic institutions who benefit from access to the enormous progress and cutting edge tools that have been developed by dedicated and hard-working scientists, academics and experts, and should endeavor to extend the benefit and access to the citizenry and workforce; and

WHEREAS: The prolonged prohibitions on in-person interaction cause damage and danger to the health and well-being of the population, but newly available and emerging testing strategies and devices that provide fast, frequent test results with confirmatory tests will guarantee that disease prevalence can be reduced and remain low enough to safely allow for the most burdensome restrictions to be relaxed; and

WHEREAS: A vaccine is here, but does not deliver a “Hollywood ending” in which immunity is instantly conferred population wide like a balloon drop, therefore the latest most advanced testing program is urgently needed to rapidly improve the safety of in-person interaction until such time that widespread immunity is ultimately achieved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: The City must provide support for individuals and businesses to facilitate the most impactful testing procedures and risk profile segregation strategies; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the FDA to ascertain which rapid testing products are in the process of acquiring an EUA and ensure access to the supply chain from likely candidates when approval occurs; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to identify currently available testing programs, communicate with businesses about these programs, ascertain what businesses need to quickly deploy these programs to as many people as possible, and provide the resources that are necessary based on this feedback; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to identify funds to support rapid assurance testing, tracking and tracing, and to support isolation, including funds that will be gained from future tax revenue and fees that will result from a full return to business; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the COVID19 advisory board to help the city identify the parameters upon which each strategy and technology reduces the risk to public health. The group must advise the various city departments on how to determine conditions to reduce restrictions to those under departmental oversight who comply with certain strategies or technologies, as well as suggest incentives to help compliance; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to develop, adopt and track point-based systems that provide incentives and benefits to employers that adhere to guidelines and adopt new interventions as they emerge.