

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-92, regarding enforcement of the Bike Lane Bill to keep our bicycle infrastructure free and unobstructed.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation from Geoffrey Harris, in the amount of \$1,515 to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of FY19 Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant received from the commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS).
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$3,100,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures Account.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,000 to the Grant Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Maintenance account.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of MASSCAP Inc. fund in the amount of \$10,573.71 to Grant Fund Human Services Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance Grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$6,726.62 to the Grant Fund human Services Programs Salary and Wages account (\$1,800.62), and to the Grant fund Human Services Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$4,926).

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. Airplane Noise Reduction Update on noise and vibrations from a concentration of low-flying airplanes originating at runway 33L at Logan Airport continue to disturb many residents.
2. City Council support of Bill H. 4075 Act to Promote Housing Choices, which would allow municipalities across the Commonwealth to change some zoning rules via a simple majority vote.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$600,000 to provide funds for the installation of a new boiler at the Solomon Building at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and other related improvements. QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION ON OR AFTER DEC 24, 2018

4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,000,000 to provide funds for the design and reconstruction of the Tobin School building. QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION ON OR AFTER DEC 24, 2018
5. 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
6. 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
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a draft zoning petition concerning the regulation of cannabis establishments in the City of Cambridge in response to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-75. QUESTION COMES ON PASSAGE TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER DEC 17, 2018

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Charles Franklin, 162 Hampshire Street, regarding supporting Mike Connolly.
2. A communication was received from Marilyn Wellons, 651 Green Street, regarding City Council Agenda Items Mgr #6, P.O. #3, Charter Right.
3. A communication was received from Thom Doyle, regarding supporting Policy Order #1.
4. A communication was received from Elizabeth Gombosi, 42 Irving Street, regarding POR 2018 #316.
5. A communication was received from Eleanor Marsh, 609 Green Street, regarding bike safety in Cambridge.
6. A communication was received from Liu Lu, regarding biking safe in Cambridge.
7. A communication was received from Michael Omenazu, regarding Policy Order #1.
8. A communication was received from Nate Sharpe, regarding support of Policy Order #1.
9. A communication was received from Ana Progovac, 106 Willow Street, regarding supporting Policy Order #1.
10. A communication was received from Robert Rupp, regarding support of Policy Order #1.
11. A communication was received from Matt Applegate, regarding passing Policy Order #1.
12. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding RNAV flight path dispersion, PO 3.

13. A communication was received from Enrique Tamayo, regarding bikers' and pedestrians' safety.
14. A communication was received from Arthur Strang, 60 Fresh Pond Parkway, regarding supporting Policy Order #1.
15. A communication was received from Donnie Worth, regarding Policy Order #1.
16. A communication was received from Eric Woods, regarding supporting Policy Order #1.
17. A communication was received from Robert J. LaTremouille, regarding DCR destruction plans supported by Cambridge City Council.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulations to TTT Program Mentors 2019. Councillor Simmons
2. Congratulations to TTT Program Mentees 2019. Councillor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Wise Systems, Inc on Acquiring Series A Funding Councillor Siddiqui
4. Speedy recovery wishes to John Ramos. Councillor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Katrina Wade. Councillor Simmons
6. Resolution on the death of Tracy P. Vera. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toomey
7. Happy 21st Birthday wishes to Isaac Tauber. Mayor McGovern
8. Happy 21st Birthday wishes to Josh Leaman. Mayor McGovern
9. Resolution on the death of Dennis Darcy Buss. Councillor Toomey
10. Thank you to the small businesses that helped make the 6th Annual Gather Here Handmade Holiday Market happen in Inman Square. Councillor Mallon

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager confer with appropriate departments to advance the timetable for updating the Zoning Code's Table of Uses and determine a frequency at which they can be regularly reviewed and updated. Councillor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Siddiqui
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with City staff, including the City Electrician and the Director of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, to determine if there is a safe and effective way for people to bring power to the curb and cross City sidewalks, to include running power cords under the sidewalk, to charge electric vehicles and, if so, how the City might best go about appropriately permitting and monitoring such activity. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan

3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with City staff with the intent of developing targeting advertising efforts, to include BlueBike stations, billboards, videos, flyers, paid advertising and other appropriate means, to educate cyclists in and out of Cambridge about riding safely and responsibly, with a special focus on the dangers of sharing the road with trucks, especially at intersections. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assessor's Office on the topic of requiring that a business entity's beneficial ownership be disclosed in all Cambridge real estate transactions. Councillor Siddiqui, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Jan Devereux, Chair of the Transportation & Public Utilities Committee, for a public hearing held on Nov 27, 2018 to discuss next steps in creating a protected bike network and to receive an update on future Vision Zero infrastructure improvements.
2. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Quinton Zondervan, Co-Chair and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone Co-Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee, for a public hearing held on Oct 23, 2018 to discuss the status of the Harvard Square Kiosk.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a joint report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee and Vice Mayor Jan Devereux, Chair of the Transportation & Public Utilities Committee, for a public hearing held on Nov 28, 2018 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.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a memorandum from Vice Mayor Jan Devereux with final remarks from 2018.

#### **LATE AGENDA ITEMS REQUIRING SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

1. City Council support of implementing protected bicycle infrastructure on Museum Way, O'Brien Highway, and Craigie Bridge, and in urging MassDOT to work with advocates and stakeholders to ensure the new bridge works for commuters of all transit modes. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department on a process for obtaining and analyzing further detailed and specific

eviction data. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Carlone

3. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a memorandum from Mayor Marc McGovern, transmitting a communication regarding the Announcement of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Tenant Displacement.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Dec 17**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Dec 18**

3:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to explore the responsibility and the relevant of CPD officers or other officers working in Cambridge under CPD authority, such as out-of-town officers working a construction detail, to respond to bike-related collisions, whether car/bike, bike/bike, bike/mobility device or bike/pedestrian, to include providing instructions and guidance on how to follow-up with accident reports and will also explore current efforts to digitalize both the state Citation and the state Accident report form. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Jan 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Jan 8**

5:00pm The Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Port Infrastructure Project and ways to mitigate the impacts of this important project on the neighborhood, including the basketball court at Clement Morgan Park, and any other related matter. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, Jan 9**

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.66 entitled "Tree Protection" to amend section 8.66.40 entitled "Applicability" and by adding a new section 8.66.055 entitled "Procedure for other projects". (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Jan 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Jan 15**

3:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Jan 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 18**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 22**

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

##### **Mon, Apr 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, May 1**

9:00am Finance Committee hearing to discuss proposed FY20 City Budget (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, May 7**

9:00am Finance Committee hearing to discuss proposed FY20 City Budget (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, May 8**

6:00pm Finance Committee hearing to discuss FY20 School Department Budget (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Thurs, May 9**

9:00am Finance Committee hearing to discuss proposed FY20 City Budget (if necessary) (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (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 Dec 17, 2018  
COUNCILLOR MALLON  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The Economic Development Department Division of the Community Development Department, in conjunction with other City Departments, is undertaking an update of the Zoning Code's Table of Uses; and

WHEREAS: The intention is to reduce the burden on small business owners seeking to operate in the City of Cambridge by clarifying definitions of certain uses, expanding allowed uses where applicable, and reducing the burden of zoning variances in instances where meeting the necessary requirements are not possible to begin with; and

WHEREAS: Reducing the cost of starting and operating a small business in Cambridge can help create more opportunities for local entrepreneurs and may help address the vacancy issues identified in the recent Retail Strategic Plan Update; and

WHEREAS: In a challenging retail market, more non-traditional and experience-based business models have the potential to succeed, but are often encumbered by outdated zoning restrictions that do not keep pace with our rapidly changing business climate; and

WHEREAS: The City produced a Table of Use study with recommendations in 2015 and projections for new recommendations have been stated as one year from now; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to advance the recommendation timetable for updating the Table of Uses, and as part of the recommendations, determine a frequency in which the table can be regularly reviewed and updated to stay relevant with the changing business climate; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-2 Dec 17, 2018

COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Many Cambridge residents already have electric cars or will purchase electric cars in the future; and

WHEREAS: For people without a driveway, charging an electric car is challenging, making access to such a car less likely than for those people with driveways; and

WHEREAS: Electric car ownership is expected to rise dramatically in the immediate future, [as EV sales are expected to see an increase of more than 2,600% by 2030 and an anticipated 34% of all light vehicles in the US will be EV's](#); and

WHEREAS: Home charging is a near necessity of EV ownership and a lack of direct access affects most of Cambridge's residents and disproportionately impacts renter, low-income, and racial/ethnic minority communities; and

WHEREAS: People currently, if illegally and dangerously, run extension cords from a power source associated with their home to charge their electric car, but this is often the only solution when charging stations are scarce; and

WHEREAS: There may be a variety of products that would allow an extension cord or other power source to safely cross a sidewalk or reach the curb without creating a tripping or other hazard; and

WHEREAS: The City has responsibility for granting access to the public way, managing sidewalk obstructions and similar governance around sidewalk use and curb access; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with City staff, including the City Electrician and the Director of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, to determine if there is a safe and effective way for people to bring power to the curb and cross City sidewalks, to include running power cords under the sidewalk, to charge electric vehicles and, if so, how the City might best go about appropriately permitting and monitoring such activity; and be it further

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

O-3 Dec 17, 2018

COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge's streets are a complicated, dynamic and often dangerous mix of pedestrians, cars, trucks of all sizes, bikes, and personal mobility devices; and

WHEREAS: Collisions between trucks and cyclists are an especially deadly risk for cyclists; and

WHEREAS: These collisions, nationwide and in Cambridge, are often the result of truck blind spots, vehicle turning movements and dangerous positioning of the vehicles involved; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge already has a variety of truck-related safety training programs for its employees, to include Vision Zero awareness training, and may be following Boston and Somerville in working with City contractors to improve contractor truck driver safety efforts; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge already has a bike safety training program and a Public Service Announcement program linked to BlueBike stations emphasizing street safety; and

WHEREAS: Despite these various training and awareness programs, cyclists in Cambridge and nearby communities continue to be at risk of truck/bike collisions; and

WHEREAS: Bike safety and truck safety are both regional issues, with both cyclists and drivers crossing municipal borders on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS: Many people receive their information over the internet in the form of advertisements or directed programming; and

WHEREAS: The more that cyclists understand the risks involved with sharing the road with trucks, and ways to minimize those risks, the safer cyclists will be; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with City staff with the intent of developing targeting advertising efforts, to include BlueBike stations, billboards, videos, flyers, paid advertising and other appropriate means, to educate cyclists in and out of Cambridge about riding safely and responsibly, with a special focus on the dangers of sharing the road with trucks, especially at intersections; 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-4 Dec 17, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI  
MAYOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Commercial real estate in Cambridge is extremely valuable and therefore highly sought after by developers and business entities; and

WHEREAS: An entity purchasing real estate is not currently required to disclose the identity of any beneficial owner(s) of that purchased real estate; and

WHEREAS: A beneficial owner is an individual or entity who ultimately owns or controls more than 25% of a company's shares or voting rights, or otherwise exercises control over the company or its management; and

WHEREAS: The public—the City of Cambridge and its residents—has an interest in understanding the identity of a property's beneficial owner(s); and

WHEREAS: A business entity that holds title to real estate, if required to publicly disclose its beneficial owner(s), would therefore be doing so in the public's best interest; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assessor's Office on the topic of requiring that a business entity's beneficial ownership be disclosed in all Cambridge real estate transactions; 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 February of 2019.

#### TEXT OF LATE ORDERS

O- Dec 17, 2018

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Cambridge resident Meng Jin recently died while bicycling shortly after a dump truck driver struck him in the intersection of O'Brien Highway and Museum Way, the fourth fatal crash in Cambridge this year; and

WHEREAS: The majority of bike crashes that have resulted in death have involved large trucks like the one that struck Meng Jin, and the O'Brien Highway carries a high volume of truck and car traffic, including school busses and duck boats accessing the Museum of Science; and

WHEREAS: Implementing protected bicycle infrastructure that is accessible year-round is in line with the stated Vision Zero goals of both Cambridge and Boston as well as the state's Healthy Transportation Compact; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge's 2015 Bike Plan also calls for protected bike facilities along O'Brien Highway as part of a citywide network of 20 miles of protected bike lanes; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) jointly maintain the Charles River Dam Bridge segment of O'Brien Highway; and

WHEREAS: In a memo issued on Dec 5, 2018, the City Manager detailed 10 years of persistent advocacy for safe bike infrastructure on Craigie Bridge, including efforts by City staff, the Boston Cyclists Union, the Charles River Conservancy, the Livable Streets Alliance, MassBike, and WalkBoston to promote installation of bike lanes protected from highway traffic for several years on this bridge; and

WHEREAS: As stated in the memo, after numerous design processes MassDOT deferred installation of safe bike infrastructure in 2008, 2010-2011, 2016, and again in 2018; in each process that MassDOT eliminated safe bike infrastructure from the designed, MassDOT cited the inconvenience of increased vehicular traffic because the bridge served as a designated detour route at the time; and

WHEREAS: MassDOT's current striping plans do not include protected bike lanes, and in places include only substandard 4-foot painted bike lanes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of implementing protected bicycle infrastructure on Museum Way, O'Brien Highway, and Craigie Bridge, and in urging MassDOT to work with advocates and stakeholders to ensure the new bridge works for commuters of all transit mode; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT secretary Stephanie

Pollack, as well as all members of Cambridge's State Legislative Delegation and Governor Baker.

O- Dec 17, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: At the Dec 10, 2018 meeting of the City Council, the Community Development Department staff presented its response to Awaiting Report #18-58 dated May 21, 2018 regarding eviction data collection; and

WHEREAS: This report assembled publicly available data retrieved from Massachusetts court system electronic records on eviction complaints filed in between 2013 and 2017, and provided information as to the number of evictions filed against Cambridge residents, the number of judgments, and the median and average judgment amounts; and

WHEREAS: The City Council observed that further pertinent information, that which would offer an opportunity for targeted eviction prevention efforts, remaining to be analyzed, such as:

- A comparison of the number of complaints filed in Cambridge District Court versus the Eastern Division of the Massachusetts Housing Court (given that Housing Court judges and staff are more knowledgeable on housing-related issues, Housing Court is more advantageous to tenants than District Court); and
- A categorization of eviction data by landlord types, such as management companies, private landlords, or the Cambridge Housing Authority; and
- Specific information on cases involving subsidized tenancies (e.g. the number of subsidized tenancy cases resulting in the execution of eviction and the rate of execution of eviction in subsidized tenancy cases); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department on a process for obtaining and analyzing further detailed and specific eviction data such as that which is noted above; 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 beginning of February 2019.