



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA • JUNE 24, 2019

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Regular Meeting

Sullivan Chamber

5:30 PM

Cambridge City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139

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## I. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Homeland Security Grant from the City of Boston for \$23,039.61 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account. The City has received this grant as reimbursement for trainings performed in conjunction with the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and will cover the City's costs for participation in the trainings.  
**CMA 2019 #179**  
**Approved on the consent agenda (without discussion)**
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Summer Food Program grant funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Massachusetts Department of Education for \$193,298.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salaries and Wages account (\$10,000.00) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$183,298.00) which will be used to provide nutritious meals to Cambridge youth at 26 sites throughout the City during the summer months when schools are closed.  
**CMA 2019 #180**  
**Approved - consent**
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant for the College Success Program (CSI) from the Cambridge Community Foundation for \$15,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to support part of the salary costs associated with a college success coach who will provide individualized college coaching for students attending UMass Boston and for graduates of the Community Learning Center's Bridge to College program and YouthBuild's program who attend Bunker Hill Community College.  
**CMA 2019 #181**  
**This program supports low income students who lack the resources necessary to seek a postsecondary education. Students get individualized support to both start and complete their postsecondary degrees by providing individual counselling, academic and life coaches, and access to transit and funds for books. This item was approved.**
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-54, regarding how a cloud-based data management system for DHSP's Children and Youth Programs will clearly protect all aspects of participant privacy and access security.

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### **CMA 2019 #182**

Approved – consent

5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-11, regarding the feasibility of eliminating the use of plastic water bottles at City and School events.

### **CMA 2019 #183**

Using single-use plastic bottles is a hard behavior to change. The City is trying to incentivize this change by having refillable water stations at schools and having the MWRA truck at more City events. We're trying to make the usage of bottles the exception, not the rule. The City is looking into estimates to buy our own water truck ("water buddy") to have at every City event. This item was approved.

6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Regional Action Grant program in the amount of \$350,000 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account. The grant was submitted by Cambridge on behalf of the Resilient Mystic Collaborative (RMC), which is a 14-member municipal partnership working on watershed-scale climate resiliency in the Mystic Watershed and will allow the Collaborative to identify and pursue site-specific green infrastructure opportunities in the individual communities for regional stormwater management and evaluate additional flood management strategies to mitigate precipitation flooding from the 10-year storm event in 2070.

### **CMA 2019 #184**

This item is a grant to increase green infrastructure in the City to help stormwater management and prevent flooding. The City is looking into de-paving options, and this grant will help with researching those. This item was approved.

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-65, regarding a report on the availability of menstrual products in all restrooms.

### **CMA 2019 #185**

The cost of supplying menstrual products includes men's women's and unisex bathrooms. The City will also be looking into the cost of ensuring that these items are organic and don't contain unhealthy toxins, especially for young people in schools. This item was approved.

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-79, regarding rubbish handling at Comeau Field and McCrehan Memorial Swimming pool.

### **CMA 2019 #186**

This pool is run by DCR, a State agency, and they are in control of maintenance and hours of operation. The City has offered to pay for additional weeks of keeping the pool open but the State has refused on the basis of equity – that we can't be the only community with pool access because of our ability to pay. Discussions have been ongoing since January. DCR does not maintain this pool well, which is also another equity issue. We'll continue our communications with DCR. This item was approved.

9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-6, regarding a report on the Super Sunday road race and whether proper procedures were followed in issuing permits and notifying neighbors.

### **CMA 2019 #187**

Approved - consent

10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$150,000 from excess FY19 parking fund revenue to the Public Investment Traffic and Parking

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Department Extraordinary Expenditures account, to establish 20 Mile Per Hour (MPH) Safety Zones on primarily local access streets across the City.

**CMA 2019 #188**

Approved - consent

11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Planning Board not to adopt the New Street Overlay District Zoning Petition.

**CMA 2019 #189**

Approved - consent

12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-18, regarding a report on regular project updates from the GSA and MITIMCO on the new Volpe Center.

**CMA 2019 #190**

MIT gave updates on the job connector and Grand Junction Pathway, which are two of the community benefits from the Volpe redevelopment in Kendall Square. The Grand Junction Pathway is currently undergoing a community process for the design, and then MIT will transfer the land to the City. Additional report backs will come in the future. This item was approved.

13. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-57, regarding Charlie Card availability at public buildings.

**CMA 2019 #191**

Charlie cards are inaccessible, especially for seniors, disabled, and low income populations who don't frequent the Charlie card stores in Downtown Boston. Cards will be available at the Community Development Department (which already offers housing services) for a "beta test" for 2 weeks starting in September. Other departments will be added after that. This item was approved.

14. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-130 regarding working with the Chair of the Civic Unity Committee, the Director of the Cambridge Library, the Director of 22-CityView, the Director of the Women's Commission, and any other appropriate City personnel to begin planning for a public discussion in recognition of 100

Years of Women's Suffrage. **CMA**

**2019 #192**

Approved – consent.

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### APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A petition was received from Elmendorf Baking Supplies, regarding three table and 6 chairs at the location of 594 Cambridge Street. No alcohol being served. The proposed date of June 26, 2019 thru October 31, 2019 with a start time of 7:00AM and end time of 8:00PM.  
**APP 2019 #53**  
Referred to the City Manager
2. A petition was received from Formaggio Kitchen, regarding three tables, 6 chairs, BBQ grill, condiments table and BBQ sides table setup in Loading Zone of 244 Huron Avenue. The proposed date of June 29, 2019 thru May 17, 2020 with a start time of 9:00AM and end time of 4:00PM.  
**APP 2019 #54**  
There was some discrepancy between dates in print and online in the agenda. The BBQs will be going on during the summer only, and Formaggio is providing a fire detail at all of them. They have also purchased new equipment so that the BBQ releases steam, not more hazardous smoke.
3. An application was received from Paul Lee requesting permission for two temporary banners across 795 Massachusetts Avenue and JFK at Mt Auburn Streets announcing Taste of Cambridge thru July 1, 2019 thru July 16., 2019.  
**APP 2019 #55**  
Approved
4. An application was received from Eric Jonash, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 34 Fairfield 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.  
**APP 2019 #56**  
Approved
5. An application was received from Arne Abramson, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 55 Broadway; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.  
**APP 2019 #57**  
This curb cut is part of the Volpe Development. 2 curb cuts will be open during construction, and then they will only be using the new curb cut after completion. We received this application because the curb cut width must be compliant with federal standards. The curb cut requires the removal of 2 street trees but will be replaced with 5. Councillor Zondervan exercised his charter right.

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VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

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1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Department of Public Works to identify whether a Bluebikes station may be located in the proximity of Rafferty Park or elsewhere in the general vicinity.  
**Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan POR 2019 #221**

There is a gap in Blue Bikes service, as there are no stations beyond Fresh Pond near the Highlands neighborhood. This order hopes to give Highlands residents and commuters access to Blue Bikes. This order was adopted.

2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, the Department of Public Works and the Animal Commission to consider the cost and feasibility of improvements to the Danehy Dog Park.  
**Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Mallon POR 2019 #222**

The Danehy dog park is not lit after dark, especially in the winter, and could use some infrastructure updates, like new benches or play structures. There are good designs for modern dog parks that encourage socialization between dogs and humans. This order was adopted.

3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department and the City Solicitor to draft a zoning amendment that will count a portion of a new or substantially renovated building's rooftop mechanicals (excluding solar installations) toward its allowed height and/or FAR.  
**Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan POR 2019 #223**

There was a task force to address mechanicals in both 2002 and 2004, but that was before the development of Kendall Square, where mechanicals are quite large to sustain labs. The goal of this order is to incentivize developers to make mechanicals smaller and quieter. This order was adopted.

4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the City Hall building staff to identify a suitable location other than the Sullivan Chamber where the state flag may be displayed in compliance with state law.  
**Mayor McGovern, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan POR 2019 #224**

Adopted - consent

5. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, Assessor's Office, and the City Solicitor's Office on developing a Vacant Storefront Registration Policy.  
**Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Mallon, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan POR 2019 #225**

Adopted - consent

6. City Council support of H585 and S256: An Act to Promote Student Nutrition.  
**Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern POR 2019 #226**

Adopted - consent

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7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the MBTA with the view in mind of increasing the bus service along Concord Avenue.  
**Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mallon**  
***POR 2019 #227***  
**Adopted - consent**
8. City Council support of H.3800 and S.2004 regarding Property Assessed Clean Energy.  
**Councillor Zondervan**  
***POR 2019 #228***  
**Adopted - consent**
9. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate departments to make publicly available any existing data on Cambridge's total greenhouse gas emissions between 2012 and 2018. **Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone** ***POR 2019 #229***  
**This order is asking that the City collect data on carbon emissions so that we can track our progress.**  
**This order was adopted.**
10. That the City Manager is requested to explain how Newport Construction was selected to work on the Inman Square redesign despite the serious allegations pending against them in Somerville.  
**Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Carlone**  
***POR 2019 #230***  
**The Inman Square redesign process is underway, but there were some concerns about the contractor cutting down trees in Somerville ahead of schedule. This order is asking for more information about the hiring process. This order was adopted.**
11. That the City Council joins the Mayor's letter to HUD Secretary Benjamin Carson communicating opposition to proposed changes to Housing and Community Development Act of 1980.  
**Mayor McGovern**  
***POR 2019 #231***  
**Adopted - consent**
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Finance and Department of Human Services to explore options for incorporating additional line items in the FY20 Budget to allocate supplemental funds for legal aid services, housing stabilization and tenant education and organizing to prevent displacement and address its ramifications on Cambridge residents and families.  
**Councillor Siddiqui, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Mallon** ***POR 2019 #232***  
**Councillor Siddiqui is chairing a task force on tenant protections and is immediately implementing recommendations that can be done without home rule petitions. Funds for legal aid services, housing stabilization, and tenant education/organizing are measures that can be taken. This order was approved. The task force's final report will be coming out this September.**

## VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

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1. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk, Paula M. Crane, transmitting a memorandum from Councillor Kelley regarding CPSD Public Participation.  
**COF 2019 #39**  
Placed on file
2. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk Paula M. Crane transmitting a communication from Councillor Mallon, transmitting notes for the meeting of the ninth and last meeting of the Mayor's Arts Task.  
**COF 2019 #40**  
I submitted the minutes from our last meeting and outlined our process: that I spent 30 minutes on the phone with each member prior to the task force starting to get their thoughts on the working agenda, that we introduced recommendations to the Council in the form of policy orders as soon as we could get them to the Council, and that we'll be writing a final report based on everyone's final recommendations. The report will be out in time for the Council's summer meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>. This item was placed on file.
3. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk Paula M. Crane from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting a memorandum regarding Establishing the Equitable Regulation of the Cannabis Industry in the City of Cambridge.  
**COF 2019 #41**  
Councillors Zondervan and Siddiqui have additional amendments to the Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance that explicitly address equity. The amendments are 1) add a Cambridge residency requirement for social equity applicants and; 2) a 2-year moratorium on conversion of existing medical dispensaries to adult use dispensaries until economic empowerment applicants have been licensed, to give them priority. We'll have more discussion about this at the Ordinance Committee hearing on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>. This item was placed on file.
4. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk Paula M. Crane from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting a memorandum regarding concerns about Recording and Transcription Services.  
**COF 2019 #42**  
Placed on file.

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