

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

### I. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following Cambridge residents as new members of the Open Data Review Board for a term of 2 years, effective September 23, 2019: Alanna Williams and Jenine Turner-Trauring.  
**CMA 2019 #252**  
This matter was placed on file.
  
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-94, regarding paving prioritization.  
**CMA 2019 #253**  
This matter was placed on file.
  
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 19-70 and 19-98, regarding restoration and clean up of the Jerry's Pond area.  
**CMA 2019 #254**  
Many proposed improvements were proposed to this area by DPW, after a walk through of the area with Councillor Siddiqui. Councillors asked that in addition to those improvements, that the crosswalk on Rindge Avenue across from the McCrehan Memorial Pool is heavily traveled, especially by families in the summer and safety measures should be instituted in the surrounding areas. One proposed measure would be installing a sign as the crosswalk with flashing lights to alert motorists of the heavy traffic.  
  
This matter was placed on file.
  
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to recommendations of the Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC) for FY2020.  
**CMA 2019 #255**  
The Community Preservation Act allots funds to open space, historic preservation, and Affordable Housing within Cambridge. Its restoration of a fire station, improvement of open spaces, and commitment to increasing Affordable Housing demonstrate the meaningful progress achieved by this Act. (I would advise the total \$ value)  
  
Approved.
  
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to petition to amend provisions in Section 22.20, which governs Green Building Requirements, and also applicable definitions contained in Article 2.000.  
**CMA 2019 #256**  
Referred to Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for Report and Recommendation.

6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a petition to amend provisions in Article 5.000 and Article 22.000 pertaining to setback requirements and exterior building insulation.

***CMA 2019 #257***

**Referred to Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for report and recommendation.**

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### II. CALENDAR

#### CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-56, regarding a report on the feasibility of constructing a quick-build complete streets project to provide separated bike lanes on Massachusetts Avenue in Central Square, from Sidney Street to Putnam Avenue.

***CMA 2019 #246***

As the lack of bike lanes on this stretch of Massachusetts Ave has created a dangerous situation for cyclists, quick-build bike lanes or an alternative, temporary solution should be constructed sooner than the projected completion date of the 2023 Fiscal Year. Parking should be removed to accommodate these lanes if needed, and this matter will require a robust and meaningful community process with residents and business/property owners and other stakeholders.

This matter was placed on file.

#### ON THE TABLE

2. A communication was received from Anthony I. Wilson, City Clerk, transmitting Part 4 of the report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chair and Councillor Craig A. Kelley, Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a reconvened public hearing held on September 3, 2019 to continue discussions on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create an Affordable Housing Overlay District.

***CRT 2019 #65***

No action taken. This matter will be placed on file on September 30, 2019.

#### 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**

***CMA 2018 #234***

No action taken.

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**  
***CMA 2018 #286***  
No action taken.
  
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the proposed Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance. **ON OR AFTER APRIL 22, 2019 THE QUESTION COMES ON PASSAGE TO BE ORDAINED**  
***CMA 2019 #86***  
This item was ordained. A two year moratorium on the conversion of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries to adult use will allow only State Designated Economic Empowerment applicants to open an adult use cannabis retail location in Cambridge for two years.
  
6. A Zoning Petition has been received from Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. et al proposing a Grand Junction Pathway Overlay District  
***APP 2019 #75***  
This item was voted to a second reading on a procedural vote. All Councillors expressed that they had significant concerns about moving this forward should the Eversource location on Fulkerson Street not be resolved by the final vote.

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**V. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST**

1. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Peter C. Johnson for a street sign dedication to Asa Brebner for his contributions to the community of Cambridge musicians.

**Vice Mayor Devereux**

***POR 2019 #308***

**Councillor Toomey exercised his charter-right, and this matter will be taken up at the next scheduled City Council Meeting on Monday, September 30th.**

2. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Vice Mayor Devereux for a street sign dedication near 360 Huron Avenue in honor of Fresh Pond Market and the Najarian family.

**Vice Mayor Devereux**

***POR 2019 #309***

**Councillor Toomey exercised his charter-right.**

3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the City Clerk's Office, the Public Information Office, and the Information Technology Department to identify a suitable location on the City website to house information regarding the Municipal Code and to track non-zoning legislation and amendments.

**Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui**

***POR 2019 #310***

**Councillor Toomey exercised his charter-right.**

4. Enforcing Non-Smoking in Cambridge Buildings

**Mayor McGovern**

***POR 2019 #311***

**Councillor Toomey exercised his charter-right.**

5. Renewable Energy for City Buildings

**Councillor Carlone**

***POR 2019 #312***

**Councillor Toomey exercised his charter-right.**

6. Alcoholic beverage permitting in large parks

**Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Kelley**

***POR 2019 #313***

**Councillor Toomey exercised his charter-right.**

7. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate departments to ensure that the redesign of the Harvard Square plaza and its coming renovation be used as an opportunity to further improve the safety of all crossings in the surrounding area.

**Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan**  
***POR 2019 #314***

**Councillor Toomey exercised his charter-right.**

8. That the City Manager is requested to light up City Hall red for World Dyslexia Awareness Day, Friday, October 4, 2019, beginning at sundown.

**Mayor McGovern**

***POR 2019 #315***

**With how prevalent dyslexia is in the United States, it is becoming increasingly necessary to develop new ways to identify and address dyslexia. Councillor Mallon was added as a co-sponsor of this order.**

**This order was adopted as amended.**

9. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Department of Human Services and the Cambridge Public Library system to hire a social worker in the FY2021 budget for the Central Square Library branch.

**Councillor Mallon, Councillor Siddiqui, Mayor McGovern**

***POR 2019 #316***

**Councillor Toomey exercised his charter-right.**

10. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Peace Commission and Citizens' Commission on Civic Unity to ensure that the Meet Your Neighbor Day event is held at another time of year, in Spring or Summer, in order to eliminate any appearances of political conflict at Meet Your Neighbor Day events.

**Vice Mayor Devereux**

***POR 2019 #317***

**Councillor Toomey exercised his charter-right.**

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### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Craig A. Kelley, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on September 10, 2019 to discuss a Zoning Petition from Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. et al proposing a Grand Junction Pathway Overlay District  
**CRT 2019 #66**  
Report accepted and referred to Calendar Item #6.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Craig A. Kelley, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on August 14, 2019 to continue discussions on a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code to create a Cannabis Business Permitting ordinance including amendments submitted at the July 30, 2019 Special City Council meeting.  
**CRT 2019 #67**  
Report accepted and referred to Committee Report #3.
3. A report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Craig A. Kelley, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on September 18, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. to discuss amendments to the proposed Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance  
**CRT 2019 #68**  
Report accepted, one order adopted, and one recommendation adopted.